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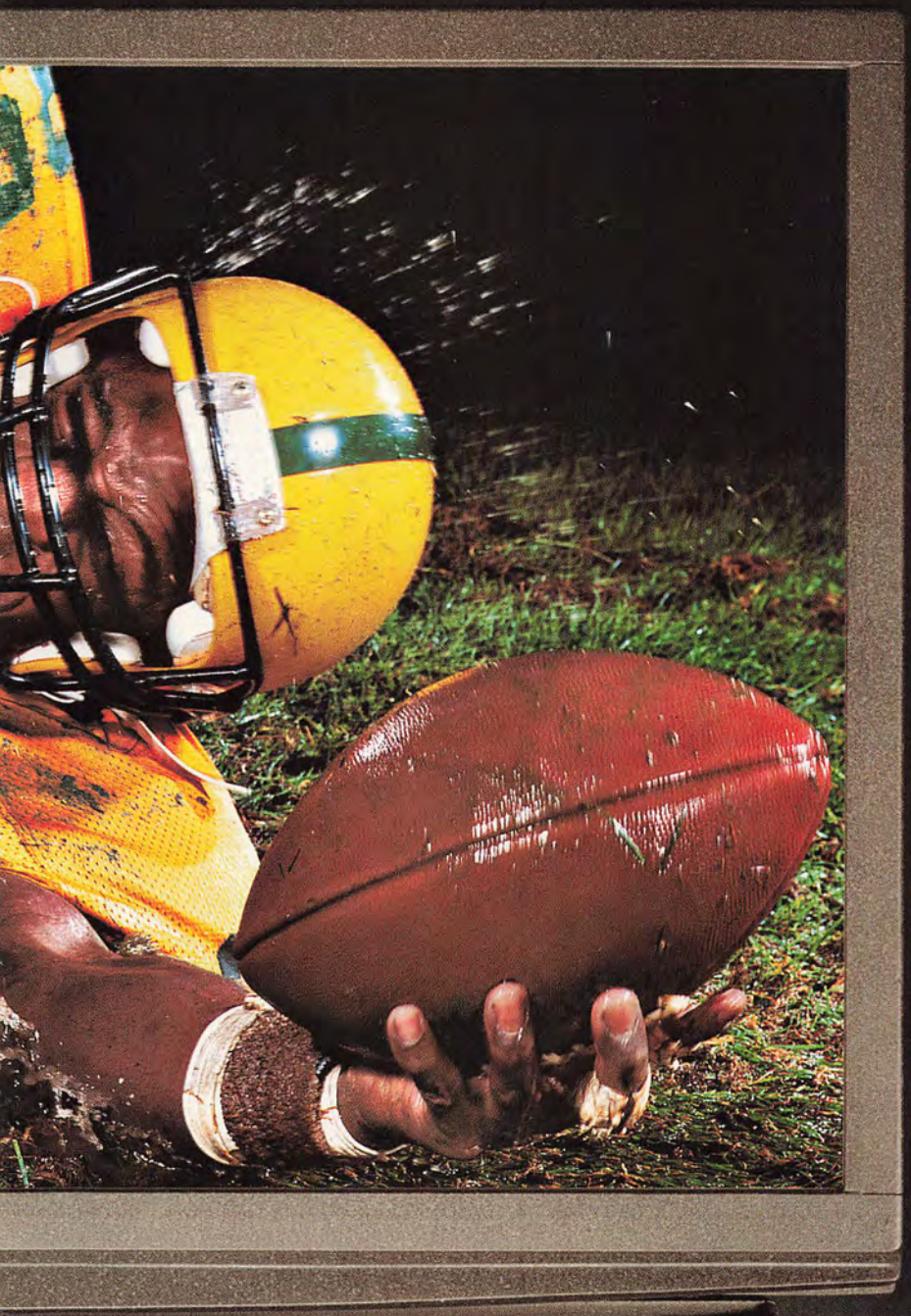

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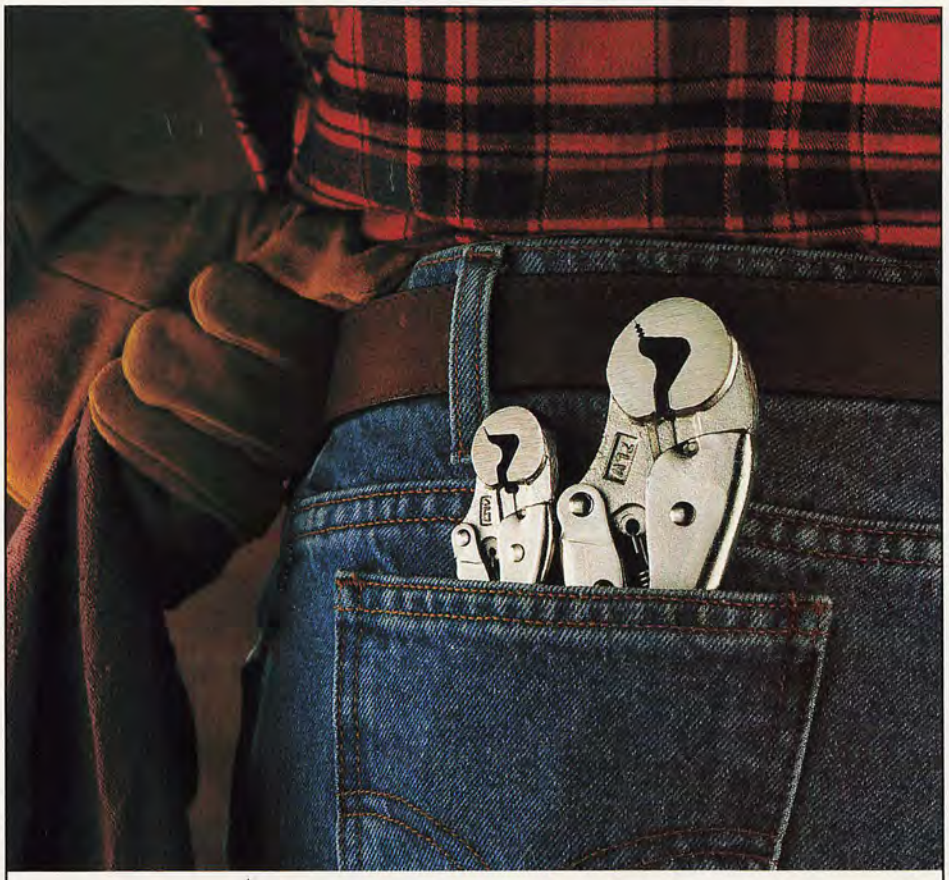

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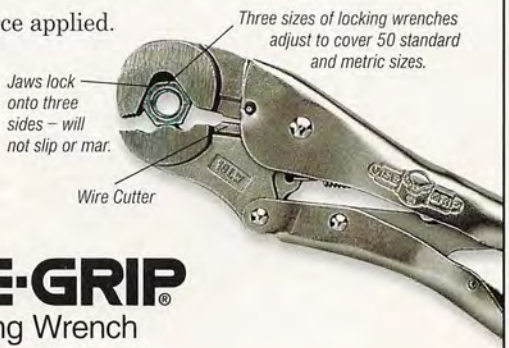

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Go ahead, admit it. You would love to see 40 college football games in person this fall. We know you would. Your first choice would be your favorite team, perhaps your alma mater every Saturday with other big games thrown in on the side.

Last year we introduced the fantasy Ultimate Road Trip. From August 26 through January 3, we identified 41 games we would attend if the sky were the limit.

In our fantasy world we attended a game on every day that college football was played. We saw our share of thrillers, and we saw a few duds. LSU's Rohan Davey almost single-handedly defeated Tennessee in overtime in Baton Rouge. Was it a catch or not? The Jabar Gaffney grab at the goal line near the end of the Florida-Tennessee affair in Knoxville. We were wearing black and gold and we say it was a catch, even though we couldn't see it very well. We saw Oklahoma dismantle Texas and Nebraska as well as shut down powerful Florida State in the Orange Bowl.

There was only one shutout during this fantasy. Virginia's offense didn't show up at Georgia Tech, falling 35–0 in a yawner. The trip was a microcosm of Penn State's miserable season. The Lions lost 29–5 to a mediocre USC team; 45–6 to Ohio State, also a mediocre team; and 33–11 to Michigan. Washington looked good in wins over Miami and Purdue in the Rose Bowl.

This time last year we chose Oklahoma-Texas at the state fair for a visit during our Ultimate Road Trip. This year we select Florida State-Miami in a grudge match.

The trip obviously would have been a blast, but on back-to-back nights we had North Texas annihilate Samford 45–6 and BYU take Utah State apart 38–14. Good thing the baseball playoffs were on the tube in the press box.

We learned to appreciate the home team. Guests were treated rather rudely, losing 19 out of 25 times. Many of the games were played at neutral sites.

Anyway, you get the idea. This year, we've done it again. The 2001 version of the fantasy Ultimate Road Trip includes 38 regular-season games and 11 bowls, with the final eight coming on consecutive days.

In the real world the trip would be a logistical nightmare. In the dream world, it's a blast.

Check out our dreamy itinerary on the Back Page. We invite you to send us your Ultimate Road Trip. It's quite alright to project a little bias for your home team. In fact, we expect it.

We have again assembled complete depth charts for all 117 — that's right, 117 — Division I teams, and placed them in order from best to worst. In this year's addition, we have identified the best team units college football has to offer in Who's the Best? on page 12. Who has the best defensive line? The best offensive line? Find out the teams that earned the first annual Athlon Awards.

Visit our web site www.athlonsports.com for complete conference-by-conference listings of Athlon Award winners.

The best individual players are highlighted as well. The Athlon preseason All-America team is one page 20. Who is your All-America quarterback? Chris Simms? Ken Dorsey? George Godsey? Joey Harrington? Let us know what you think about our choices at editor@athlonsports.com.

What's a preseason football annual without cheerleaders? We have honored a few ladies who brighten up the sidelines even when your team is losing with special photo shoots. The beauties begin on page 192.

Thanks for being a part of Athlon Sports football in 2001. Let us know what part of the magazine you enjoy most: The recruiting coverage, the cheerleaders, the 117 teams stories, the Ultimate Road Trip, the predictions, whatever you like, we'd love to hear from you. Contact us via e-mail at editor@athlonsports.com or (615) 327-1149 by fax.

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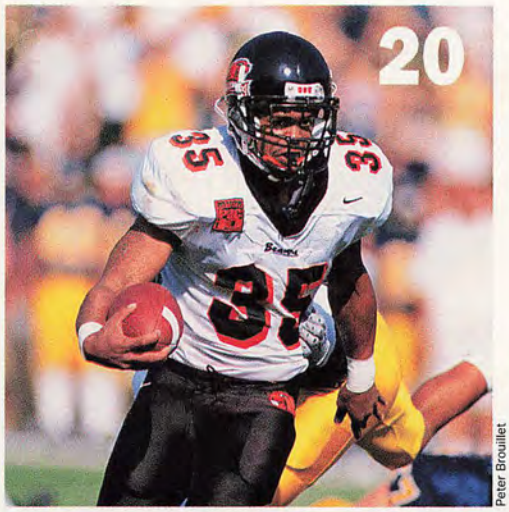

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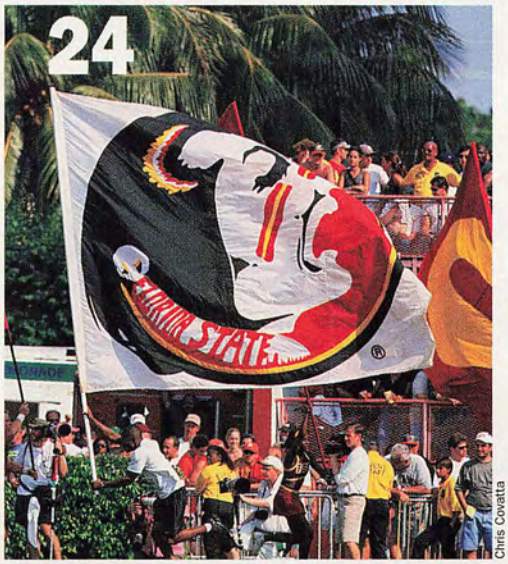

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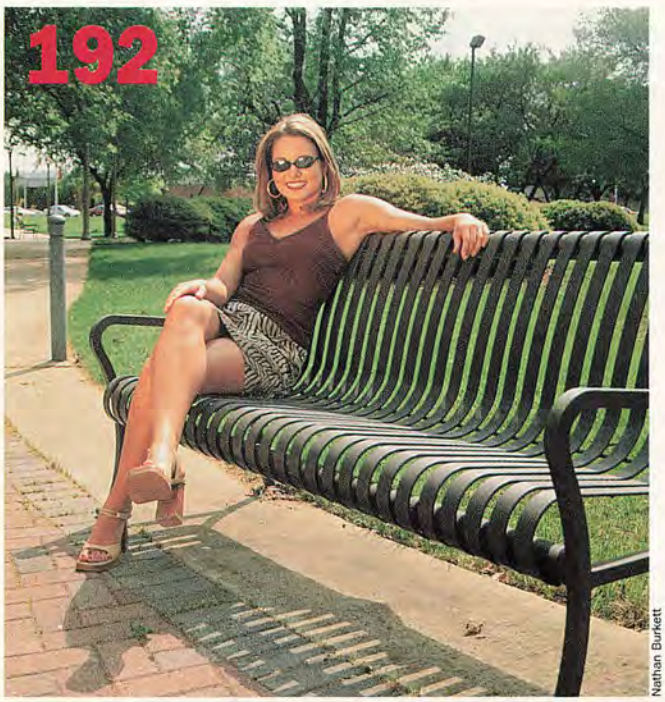

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Athlon honors the best of these units in 2001 with the first annual Athlon Awards.

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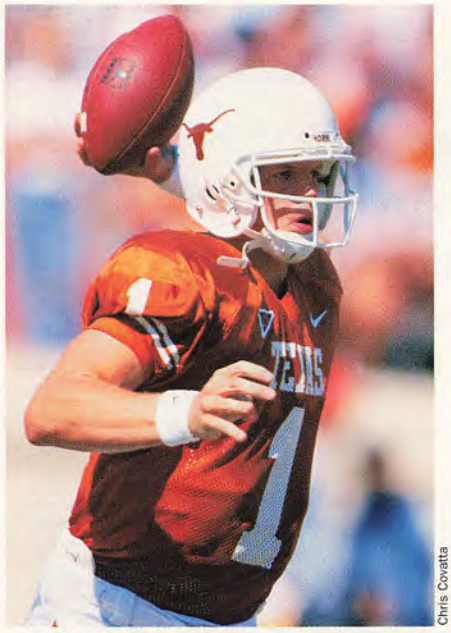
1. Texas
2. Clemson
3. Florida
4. BYU
5. Mich. St.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Chris Simms

No team in the nation boasts as much talent at quarterback as Mack Brown's Texas Longhorns. The backup, senior Major Applewhite, owns 40 school records, including most completions (582), most passing yards (7,974) and most touchdown passes (57).

Applewhite was named the 1999 Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year after throwing for 3,357 yards and guiding Texas to the Big 12 South title. This year's starter, sophomore Chris Simms, is one of the most physically gifted quarterbacks in the country — at any level. Simms and Applewhite shared the position last fall, but Brown has tabbed the 6'5", 222-pound Simms as Texas' starting quarterback for the 2001 campaign,

And just for a little insurance, Texas has redshirt freshman Chance Mock, a 1999 *Parade* All-American, watching from the sidelines.

Clemson features two top quarterbacks as well. Multi-talented Woodrow Dantzler, a senior who set a school record with 2,899 yards of total offense in 2000, runs the Tigers' attack. But sophomore Willie Simmons, who appeared in nine games last season, is considered the better passer and is Clemson's quarterback of the future.

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Major Applewhite

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2. Miss. St.
3. Colorado
4. Notre Dame
5. Mich. St.

Oregon State senior Ken Simonton has been one of the most consistently productive running backs in the history of college football. He has gained over 4,000 career yards and barring injury will become the first player in Pac-10 history to top the 1,000-yard mark in four consecutive seasons. Simonton needs just 738 yards to pass Marcus Allen and move into second place on the conference's all-time rushing list.

Simonton's sidekick, fellow senior Patrick McCall, would be the featured back at most schools. But at Oregon State, he is relegated to a reserve role behind Simonton. McCall averaged just over 10 carries per game in 2000 and rushed for 658 yards.

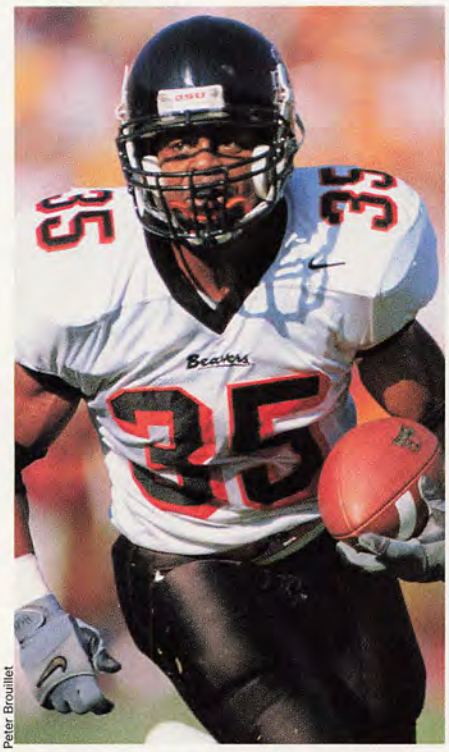
Peter Brouillet

Patrick McCall

Mississippi State's backfield tandem of Dicenzo Miller and Dontae Walker combined for 1,800 yards and 19 touchdowns last fall. Miller entered the 2000 season with a total of 528 yards in two seasons, but exploded for 1,005 yards last fall and averaged 6.3 yards per carry. Walker, a former prep All-American, contributed 795 yards.

Redshirt freshman Marcus Houston, who played briefly in 2000 before a season-ending injury, and senior Cortlen Johnson give Colorado the top one-two punch in the Big 12.

Ken Simonton



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Jabar Gaffney

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WRs

1. Florida
2. Oklahoma
3. Texas
4. Houston
5. Colo. State

The crown jewel of the 2001 Florida receiving corps is Jabar Gaffney, who set NCAA Division I-A freshman records last season for receiving yards and touchdown catches. The first-team All-SEC wideout nabbed 71 passes for 1,184 yards and 14 scores, and strung together eight straight games with at least one TD reception.

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Oklahoma built its 2000 national championship on a spread-the-wealth passing game, and all of the receivers are back for the Sooners in '01. Antwone Savage, Andre Woolfolk and Curtis Fagan combined for 133 catches and 15 scores for the champs.

At Texas, B.J. Johnson and Roy Williams comprise a spectacular sophomore wideout duo. Longhorn senior Montrell Flowers provides the veteran presence with 56 career catches and eight TDs.

Reche Caldwell

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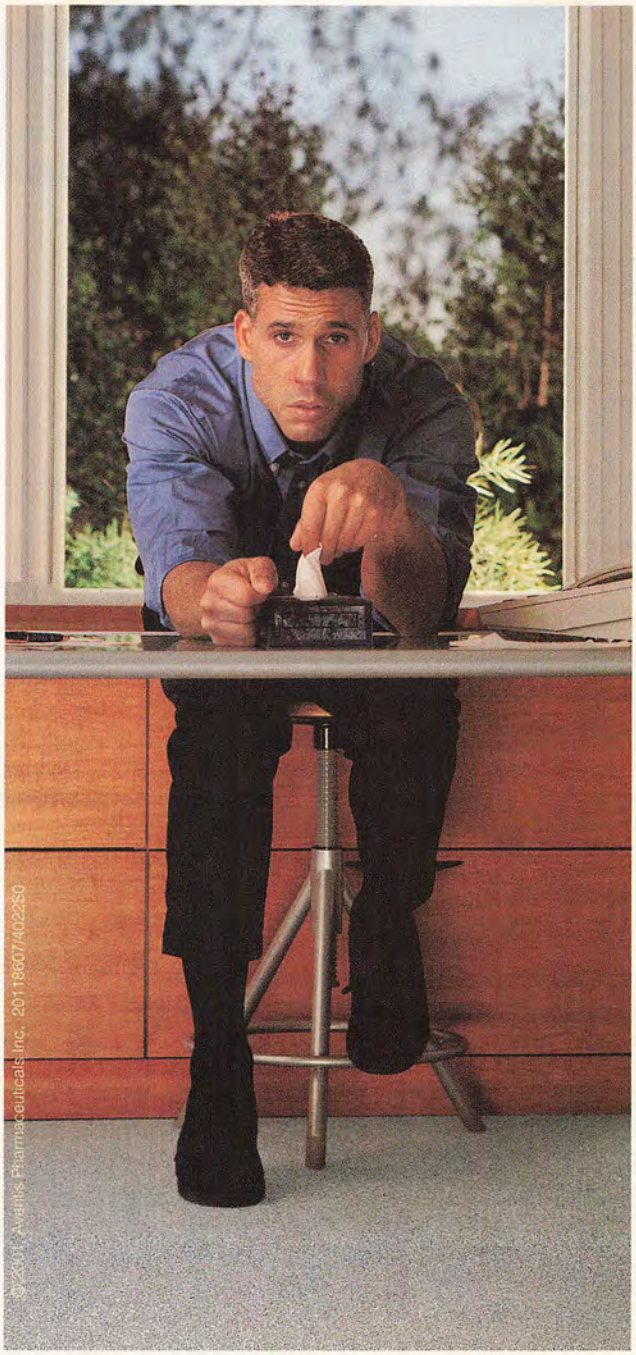

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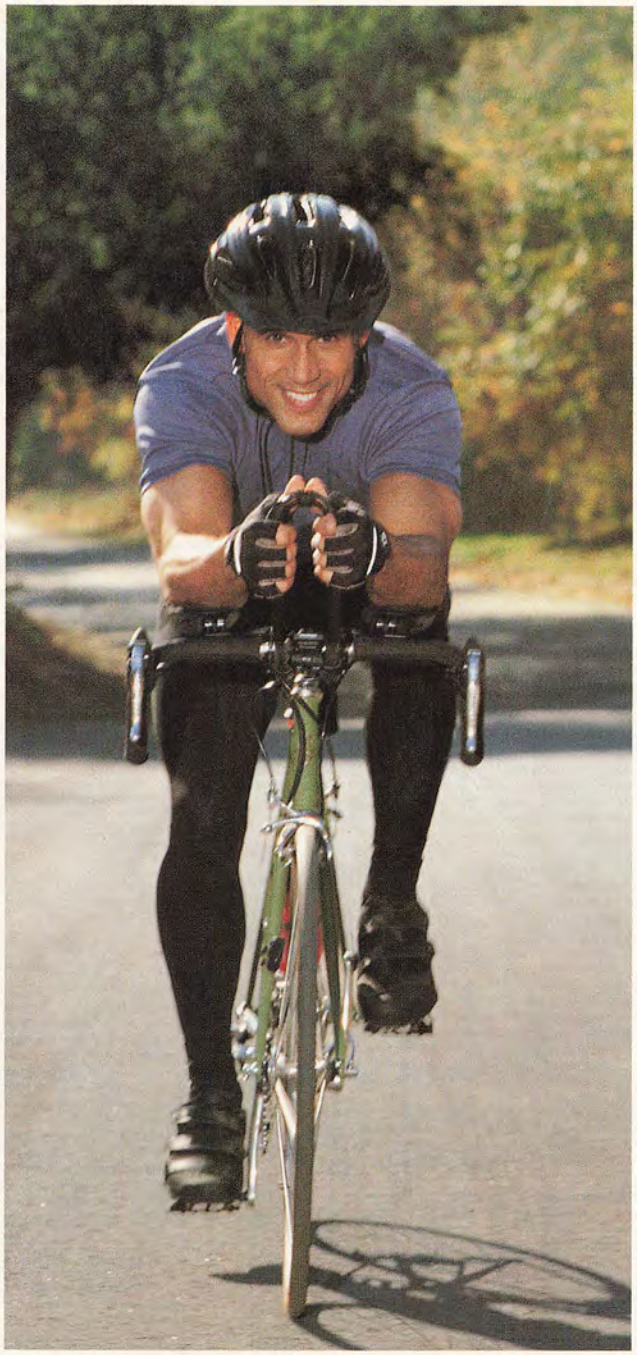

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The changes in plasma levels were within the range of plasma levels achieved in adequate and well-controlled clinical trials.
The mechanism of these interactions has been evaluated in *in vitro*, *in situ*, and *in vivo* animal models. These studies indicate that ketoconazole or erythromycin co-administration enhances fexofenadine gastrointestinal absorption. *In vivo* animal studies also suggest that in addition to increasing absorption, ketoconazole decreases fexofenadine hydrochloride gastrointestinal secretion, while erythromycin may also decrease biliary excretion.
Drug Interactions with Antacids
Administration of 120 mg of fexofenadine hydrochloride (2 x 60 mg capsule) within 15 minutes of an aluminum and magnesium containing antacid (Maalox®) decreased fexofenadine AUC by 41% and C_{max} by 43%. ALLEGRA should not be taken closely in time with aluminum and magnesium containing antacids.
Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility
The carcinogenic potential and reproductive toxicity of fexofenadine hydrochloride were assessed using terfenadine studies with adequate fexofenadine hydrochloride exposure (based on plasma area-under-the-concentration vs. time [AUC] values). No evidence of carcinogenicity was observed in an 18-month study in mice and in a 24-month study in rats at oral doses up to 150 mg/kg of terfenadine (which led to fexofenadine exposures that were respectively approximately 3 and 5 times the exposure from the maximum recommended daily oral dose of fexofenadine hydrochloride in adults and children).
In *in vitro* (Bacterial Reverse Mutation, CHO/HGPRT Forward Mutation, and Rat Lymphocyte Chromosomal Aberration assays) and *in vivo* (Mouse Bone Marrow Micronucleus assay) tests, fexofenadine hydrochloride revealed no evidence of mutagenicity.
In rat fertility studies, dose-related reductions in implants and increases in postimplantation losses were observed at an oral dose of 150 mg/kg of terfenadine (which led to fexofenadine hydrochloride exposures that were approximately 3 times the exposure of the maximum recommended daily oral dose of fexofenadine hydrochloride in adults).
Pregnancy
Teratogenic Effects: Category C. There was no evidence of teratogenicity in rats or rabbits at oral doses of terfenadine up to 300 mg/kg (which led to fexofenadine exposures that were approximately 4 and 31 times, respectively, the exposure from the maximum recommended daily oral dose of fexofenadine in adults).
There are no adequate and well controlled studies in pregnant women. Fexofenadine should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.
Nonteratogenic Effects. Dose-related decreases in pup weight gain and survival were observed in rats exposed to an oral dose of 150 mg/kg of terfenadine (approximately 3 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose of fexofenadine hydrochloride in adults based on comparison of fexofenadine hydrochloride AUCs).
Nursing Mothers
There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in women during lactation. Because many drugs are excreted in human milk, caution should be exercised when fexofenadine hydrochloride is administered to a nursing woman.
Pediatric Use
The recommended dose in patients 6 to 11 years of age is based on cross-study comparison of the pharmacokinetics of ALLEGRA in adults and pediatric patients and on the safety profile of fexofenadine hydrochloride in both adult and pediatric patients at doses equal to or higher than the recommended doses.
The safety of ALLEGRA tablets at a dose of 30 mg twice daily has been demonstrated in 438 pediatric patients 6 to 11 years of age in two placebo-controlled 2-week seasonal allergic rhinitis trials. The safety of ALLEGRA for the treatment of chronic idiopathic urticaria in patients 6 to 11 years of age is based on cross-study comparison of the pharmacokinetics of ALLEGRA in adult and pediatric patients and on the safety profile of fexofenadine in both adult and pediatric patients at doses equal to or higher than the recommended dose.
The effectiveness of ALLEGRA for the treatment of seasonal allergic rhinitis in patients 6 to 11 years of age was demonstrated in one trial (n=411) in which ALLEGRA tablets 30 mg twice daily significantly reduced total symptom scores compared to placebo, along with extrapolation of demonstrated efficacy in patients ages 12 years and above, and the pharmacokinetic comparisons in adults and children. The effectiveness of ALLEGRA for the treatment of chronic idiopathic urticaria in patients 6 to 11 years of age is based on an extrapolation of the demonstrated efficacy of ALLEGRA in adults with this condition and the likelihood that the disease course, pathophysiology and the drug's effect are substantially similar in children to that of adult patients.
The safety and effectiveness of ALLEGRA in pediatric patients under 6 years of age have not been established.
Geriatric Use
Clinical studies of ALLEGRA tablets and capsules did not include sufficient numbers of subjects aged 65 years and over to determine whether this population responds differently from younger patients. Other reported clinical experience has not identified differences in responses between the geriatric and younger patients. This drug is known to be substantially excreted by the kidney, and the risk of toxic reactions to this drug may be greater in patients with impaired renal function. Because elderly patients are more likely to have decreased renal function, care should be taken in dose selection, and may be useful to monitor renal function. (See CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY).

ADVERSE REACTIONS
Seasonal Allergic Rhinitis
Adults. In placebo-controlled seasonal allergic rhinitis clinical trials in patients 12 years of age and older, which included 2461 patients receiving fexofenadine hydrochloride capsules at doses of 20 mg to 240 mg twice daily, adverse events were similar in fexofenadine hydrochloride and placebo-treated patients. All adverse events that were reported by greater than 1% of patients who received the recommended daily dose of fexofenadine hydrochloride (60 mg capsules twice daily), and that were more common with fexofenadine hydrochloride than placebo, are listed in Table 1.
In a placebo-controlled clinical study in the United States, which included 570 patients aged 12 years and older receiving fexofenadine hydrochloride tablets at doses of 120 or 180 mg once daily, adverse events were similar in fexofenadine hydrochloride and placebo-treated patients. Table 1 also lists adverse experiences that were reported by greater than 2% of patients treated with fexofenadine hydrochloride tablets at doses of 180 mg once daily and that were more common with fexofenadine hydrochloride than placebo.
The incidence of adverse events, including drowsiness, was not dose-related and was similar across subgroups defined by age, gender, and race.

Table 1
Adverse experiences in patients ages 12 years and older reported in placebo-controlled seasonal allergic rhinitis clinical trials in the United States
Twice daily dosing with fexofenadine capsules at rates of greater than 1%

Adverse experience	*Fexofenadine 60 mg Twice Daily (n=679)*	*Placebo Twice Daily (n=671)*
Viral Infection (cold, flu)	2.5%	1.5%
Nausea	1.6%	1.5%
Dysmenorrhea	1.5%	0.3%
Drowsiness	1.3%	0.9%
Dyspepsia	1.3%	0.6%
Fatigue	1.3%	0.9%

Once daily dosing with fexofenadine hydrochloride tablets at rates of greater than 2%

Adverse experience	*Fexofenadine 180 mg once daily (n=283)*	*Placebo (n=293)*
Headache	10.6%	7.5%
Upper Respiratory Tract Infection	3.2%	3.1%
Back Pain	2.8%	1.4%

The frequency and magnitude of laboratory abnormalities were similar in fexofenadine hydrochloride and placebo-treated patients.
Pediatric. Table 2 lists adverse experiences in patients aged 6 to 11 years of age which were reported by greater than 2% of patients treated with fexofenadine hydrochloride tablets at a dose of 30 mg twice daily in placebo-controlled seasonal allergic rhinitis studies in the United States and Canada that were more common with fexofenadine hydrochloride than placebo.

Table 2
Adverse experiences reported in placebo-controlled seasonal allergic rhinitis studies in pediatric patients ages 6 to 11 in the United States and Canada at rates of greater than 2%

Adverse experience	*Fexofenadine 30 mg twice daily (n=209)*	*Placebo (n=229)*
Headache	7.2%	6.6%
Accidental Injury	2.9%	1.3%
Coughing	3.8%	1.3%
Fever	2.4%	0.9%
Pain	2.4%	0.4%
Otitis Media	2.4%	0.0%
Upper Respiratory Tract Infection	4.3%	1.7%

Chronic Idiopathic Urticaria
Adverse events reported by patients 12 years of age and older in placebo-controlled chronic idiopathic urticaria studies were similar to those reported in placebo-controlled seasonal allergic rhinitis studies. In placebo-controlled chronic idiopathic urticaria clinical trials, which included 726 patients 12 years of age and older receiving fexofenadine hydrochloride tablets at doses of 20 to 240 mg twice daily, adverse events were similar in fexofenadine hydrochloride and placebo-treated patients. Table 3 lists adverse experiences in patients aged 12 years and older which were reported by greater than 2% of patients treated with fexofenadine hydrochloride 60 mg tablets twice daily in controlled clinical studies in the United States and Canada and that were more common with fexofenadine hydrochloride than placebo. The safety of fexofenadine hydrochloride in the treatment of chronic idiopathic urticaria in pediatric patients 6 to 11 years of age is based on the safety profile of fexofenadine hydrochloride in adults and adolescent patients at doses equal to or higher than the recommended dose (see Pediatric Use).

Table 3
Adverse experiences reported in patients 12 years and older in placebo-controlled chronic idiopathic urticaria studies in the United States and Canada at rates of greater than 2%

Adverse experience	*Fexofenadine 60 mg twice daily (n=186)*	*Placebo (n=178)*
Back Pain	2.2%	1.1%
Sinusitis	2.2%	1.1%
Dizziness	2.2%	0.6%
Drowsiness	2.2%	0.0%

OVERDOSAGE
Reports of fexofenadine hydrochloride overdose have been infrequent and contain limited information. However, dizziness, drowsiness, and dry mouth have been reported. Single doses of fexofenadine hydrochloride up to 800 mg (six normal volunteers at this dose level), and doses up to 690 mg twice daily for 1 month (three normal volunteers at this dose level) or 240 mg once daily for 1 year (234 normal volunteers at this dose level) were administered without the development of clinically significant adverse events as compared to placebo.
In the event of overdose, consider standard measures to remove any unabsorbed drug. Symptomatic and supportive treatment is recommended.
Hemodialysis did not effectively remove fexofenadine hydrochloride from blood (1.7% removed) following terfenadine administration.
No deaths occurred at oral doses of fexofenadine hydrochloride up to 5000 mg/kg in mice (110 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose in adults and 200 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose in children based on mg/m^2) and up to 5000 mg/kg in rats (230 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose in adults and 400 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose in children based on mg/m^2). Additionally, no clinical signs of toxicity or gross pathological findings were observed. In dogs, no evidence of toxicity was observed at oral doses up to 2000 mg/kg (300 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose in adults and 530 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose in children based on mg/m^2).

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O-Line

1. Miami
2. Northwestern
3. S. Carolina
4. Nebraska
5. Stanford

At first glance, what stands out from the Miami offensive line is the twin-tower tackle tandem of 6'9", 330-pound Bryant McKinnie and 6'5", 290-pound Joaquin Gonzalez. McKinnie did not allow a sack through all of the 2000 campaign; Gonzalez has given up just two in the last 23 games.

Northwestern returns all five offensive line starters from the most explosive offense in the Big Ten. Center Austin King, guard Jeff Roehl and tackle Leon Brockmeier will again be blasting holes open for Damien Anderson, the nation's top returning rusher. South Carolina's offensive line has risen from the SEC's sorriest unit to its most dominant in just two years.

Joaquin Gonzalez

Chris Covatta

Chris Covatta

Bryant McKinnie (78) and Martin Bibla

D-Line

1. Tennessee
2. Virginia Tech
3. Alabama
4. Nebraska
5. UCLA

Quality and Quantity. Those are the two words that best describe Tennessee's defensive line. Quality — Outland Trophy winner John Henderson and first-team All-SEC pick Will Overstreet. Quantity — Albert Haynesworth (6'6", 310), Rashad Moore (6'4", 290), Edward Kendrick (6'4", 265), Bernard Jackson (6'4", 255), Omari Hand (6'5", 255) and Constantin Ritzmann (6'4", 252).

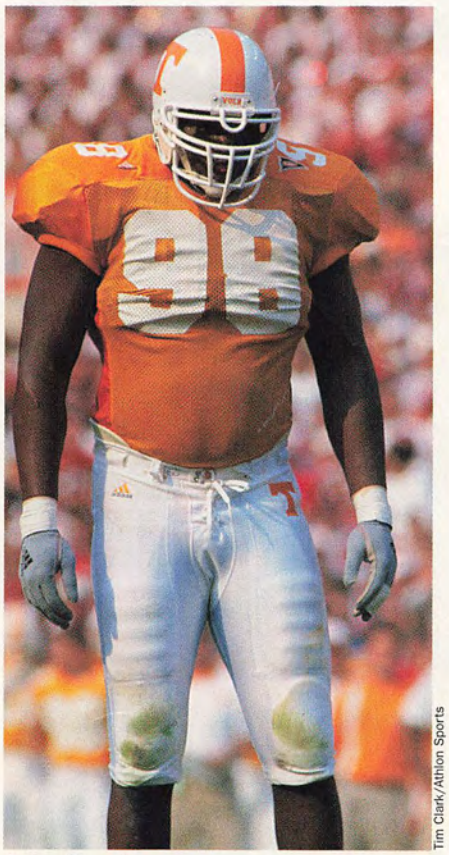
Layne Murdoch

Will Overstreet

Henderson recorded 12 sacks and 71 total tackles in 2000 and emerged as college football's most dominating lineman as a junior.

Virginia Tech returns all four starters from the Big East's best defensive line. First-team all-conference pick David Pugh (five sacks, 12 tackles for a loss) and freshman All-American Nathan Adibi lead a unit that finished first in the league in rush defense.

Alabama welcomes back pass-rushing specialist Kindal Moorehead, who missed the entire 2000 season with a ruptured Achilles tendon. Moorehead joins fellow end Kenny King and tackle Jarret Johnson on what should be one of the top lines in the country.



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John Henderson

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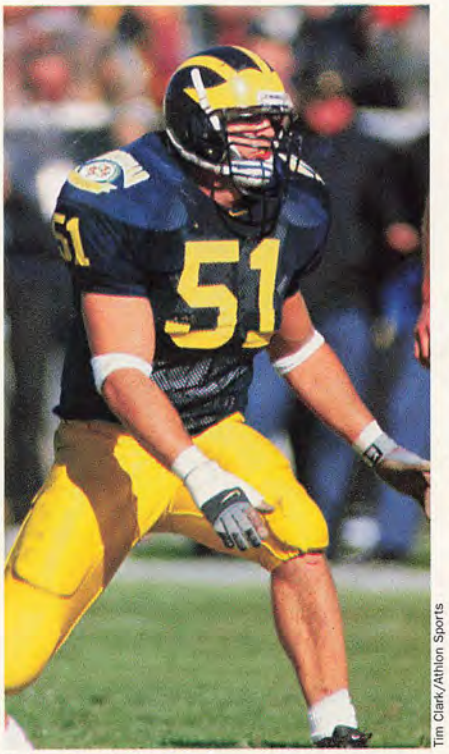
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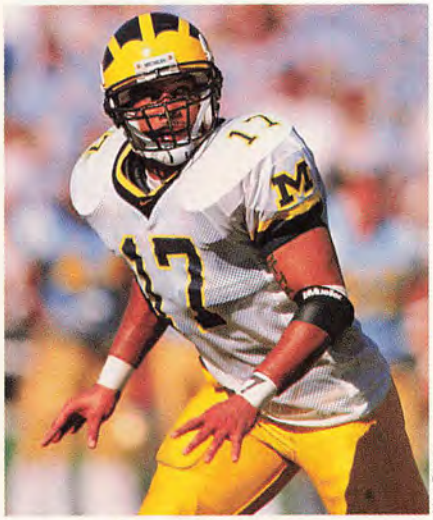
Eric Brackins

1. Michigan
2. BYU
3. Ohio State
4. LSU
5. Florida

It would be difficult to find a more disruptive, active group of linebackers anywhere than the trio at Michigan. Everywhere a Wolverine opponent looks, he will find either Larry Foote, Eric Brackins or Victor Hobson in his face. The three combined for 31 tackles behind the line last fall. Hobson, who plays the outside position, notched 12 of those, with three sacks. Foote dropped into pass coverage for two interceptions and nine pass breakups, and combined with fellow inside linebacker Brackins for 141 total stops.

BYU also returns a deluxe set, led by middle linebacker Justin Ena, a first-team All-MWC performer in 2000. Ena is a 261-pound run-stopping force who also broke up four passes. Isaac Kelly, who racked up 14 tackles for a loss in 2000, and Paul Walkenhorst, who added nine tackles behind the line, flank Ena on the outside.

Ohio State's linebacking corps of Matt Wilhelm, Joe Cooper and Courtland Bullard could give Michigan's group a run for its money in the Big Ten.


Matt Brown

Larry Foote

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Victor Hobson

DBs

Chris Covatta

Edward Reed

1. Miami
2. Florida
3. Texas
4. Oklahoma
5. Georgia Tech

Miami's Mike Rumph and Phillip Buchanan form perhaps the best cornerback tandem in the nation. But the best player in the Canes secondary is senior safety Edward Reed, a consensus first-team All-American. Reed plays with great savvy and is equally adept at defending the run and the pass. He led Miami with seven interceptions in 2000 and added 23 pass break-ups and eight tackles for a loss. Rumph has great size (6'2", 200) and joined Reed on the 2000 Jim Thorpe Award Watch List.

Lito Sheppard, a first-team All-American, is the standout in a deep and talented Florida secondary that returns every key contributor. Sheppard's six interceptions tied for the Southeastern Conference lead.

Texas lost honorable mention All-Big 12 safety Greg Brown, but returns three starters from a unit that helped the Horns lead the nation in pass efficiency defense. Cornerback Quentin Jammer is a potential All-American. Jammer had 20 pass break-ups and three interceptions last season.

Allen Kee

Mike Rumph

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RUNNING BACK
Ken Simonton
Senior
Oregon State
5'8" 191

RUNNING BACK
Damien Anderson
Senior
Northwestern
5'11" 204

KICKER
Jonathan Ruffin
Junior
Cincinnati

KICK RET.
Emmett White
Senior
Utah State

WIDE RECEIVER
Antonio Bryant
Junior
Pittsburgh
6'2" 185

TIGHT END
Tim Stratton
Senior
Purdue
6'4" 258

QUARTERBACK
Ken Dorsey
Junior
Miami
6'5" 210

WIDE RECEIVER
Jabar Gaffney
Sophomore
Florida
6'1" 202

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
Bryant McKinnie
Senior
Miami
6'9" 330

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
Chris Gibson
Senior
Oregon State
6'3" 279

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
Seth McKinney
Senior
Texas A&M
6'3" 302

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
Toniu Fonoti
Junior
Nebraska
6'4" 340

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
Joaquin Gonzalez
Senior
Miami
6'5" 290

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN
Julius Peppers
Junior
North Carolina
6'6" 270

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN
Wendell Bryant
Senior
Wisconsin
6'4" 293

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN
John Henderson
Senior
Tennessee
6'7" 290

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN
Larry Tripplett
Senior
Washington
6'1" 300

LINEBACKER
Levar Fisher
Senior
NC State
6'1" 229

LINEBACKER
Rocky Calmus
Senior
Oklahoma
6'3" 234

LINEBACKER
Kalimba Edwards
Senior
South Carolina
6'6" 260

DEFENSIVE BACK
Edward Reed
Senior
Miami
6'0" 190

DEFENSIVE BACK
Anthony Floyd
Junior
Louisville
5'10" 190

DEFENSIVE BACK
Mike Doss
Junior
Ohio State
5'11" 190

DEFENSIVE BACK
Lito Sheppard
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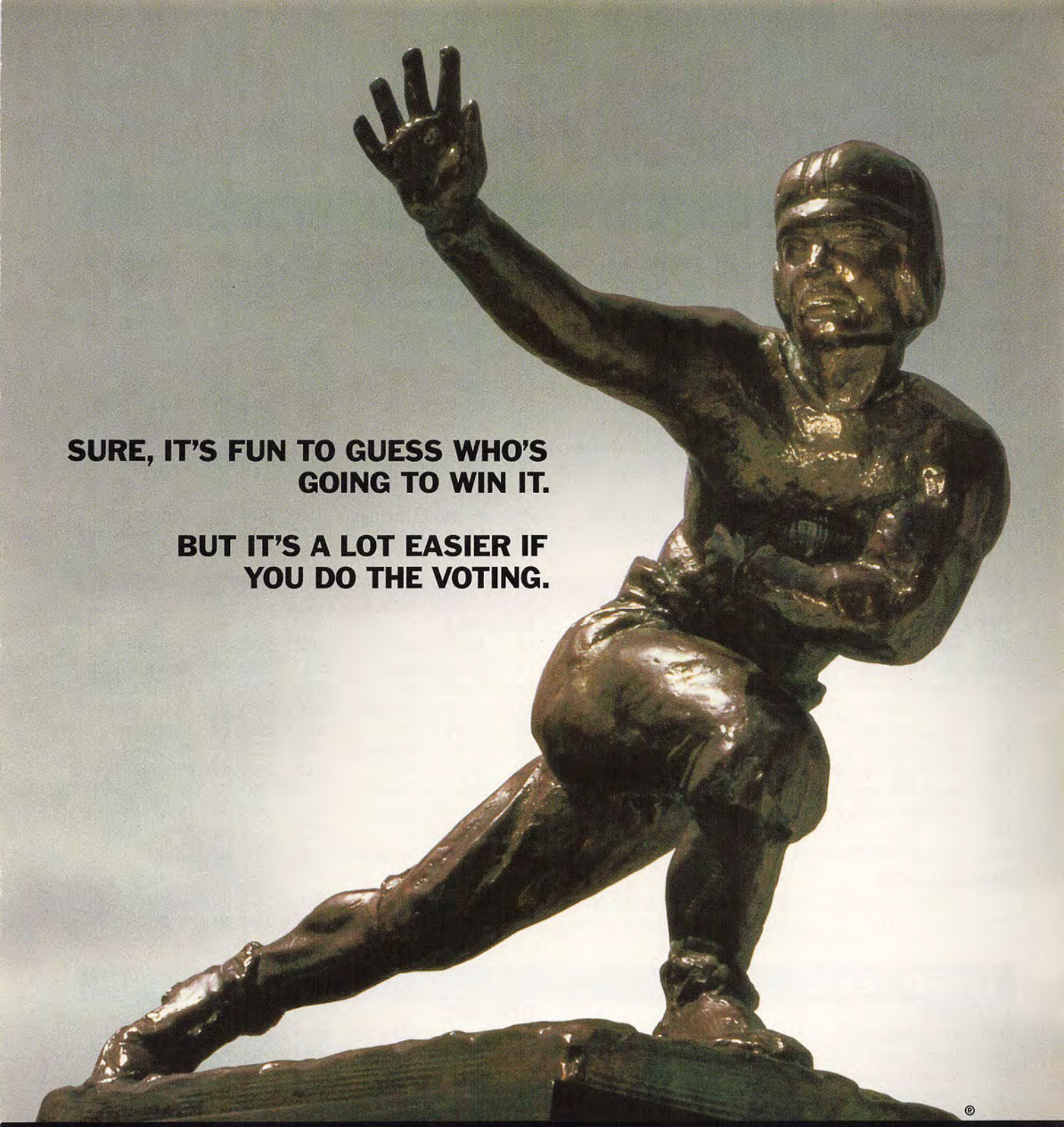

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Athlon Sports All-America TEAM

FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

WR	Antonio Bryant	6'2"	185	Jr.	Pittsburgh
WR	Jabar Gaffney	6'1"	202	So.	Florida
TE	Tim Stratton	6'4"	258	Sr.	Purdue
OL	Bryant McKinnie	6'9"	330	Sr.	Miami
OL	Chris Gibson	6'3"	279	Sr.	Oregon State
OL	Seth McKinney	6'3"	302	Sr.	Texas A&M
OL	Toniu Fonoti	6'4"	340	Jr.	Nebraska
OL	Joaquin Gonzalez	6'5"	290	Sr.	Miami
QB	Ken Dorsey	6'5"	210	Jr.	Miami
RB	Damien Anderson	5'11"	204	Sr.	Northwestern
RB	Ken Simonton	5'8"	191	Sr.	Oregon State

DEFENSE

DL	Julius Peppers	6'6"	270	Jr.	North Carolina
DL	Wendell Bryant	6'4"	293	Sr.	Wisconsin
DL	John Henderson	6'7"	290	Sr.	Tennessee
DL	Larry Tripplett	6'1"	300	Sr.	Washington
LB	Levar Fisher	6'1"	229	Sr.	NC State
LB	Rocky Calmus	6'3"	234	Sr.	Oklahoma
LB	Kalimba Edwards	6'6"	260	Sr.	S. Carolina
DB	Edward Reed	6'0"	190	Sr.	Miami
DB	Anthony Floyd	5'10"	190	Jr.	Louisville
DB	Mike Doss	5'11"	190	Jr.	Ohio State
DB	Lito Sheppard	5'10"	194	Jr.	Florida

SPECIALISTS

K	Jonathan Ruffin	5'10"	185	Jr.	Cincinnati
KR	Emmett White	5'11"	199	Sr.	Utah State
P	Preston Gruening	5'10"	204	Jr.	Minnesota
PR	Aaron Lockett	5'7"	165	Sr.	Kansas State

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

WR	Ron Johnson	6'3"	216	Sr.	Minnesota
WR	Roy Williams	6'5"	210	So.	Texas
TE	Tracey Wistrom	6'5"	240	Sr.	Nebraska
OL	Mike Pearson	6'7"	292	Jr.	Florida
OL	Doug Kaufusi	6'6"	308	Sr.	Utah
OL	Kendall Simmons	6'3"	319	Sr.	Auburn
OL	Terrence Metcalf	6'3"	315	Sr.	Ole Miss
OL	Brett Williams	6'6"	315	Jr.	Florida State
QB	George Godsey	6'2"	205	Sr.	Georgia Tech
RB	Lee Suggs	6'0"	204	Jr.	Virginia Tech
RB	Deonce Whitaker	5'6"	180	Sr.	San Jose St.

DEFENSE

DL	Alex Brown	6'3"	264	Sr.	Florida
DL	Greg Gathers	6'1"	260	Jr.	Georgia Tech
DL	David Pugh	6'3"	271	Sr.	Virginia Tech
DL	Anthony Weaver	6'3"	276	Sr.	Notre Dame
LB	Larry Foote	6'1"	228	Sr.	Michigan
LB	Saleem Rasheed	6'3"	227	Jr.	Alabama
LB	Ben Taylor	6'2"	235	Sr.	Virginia Tech
DB	Sheldon Brown	5'10"	190	Sr.	S. Carolina
DB	Ramon Walker	6'0"	195	Jr.	Pittsburgh
DB	Pig Prather	6'2"	195	Sr.	Miss. State
DB	Rashad Bauman	5'8"	175	Sr.	Oregon

SPECIALISTS

K	Ryan Cesca	5'8"	167	Jr.	Oregon State
KR	Julius Jones	5'10"	201	Jr.	Notre Dame
P	Damon Duval	6'0"	184	Jr.	Auburn
PR	André Davis	6'1"	194	Sr.	Virginia Tech

THIRD TEAM

OFFENSE

WR	Kelly Campbell	5'11"	170	Sr.	Georgia Tech
WR	Josh Reed	5'11"	198	Jr.	LSU
TE	Jerramy Stevens	6'7"	260	Jr.	Washington
OL	Chris Fe'esago	6'3"	328	Sr.	San Jose St.
OL	Scott Peters	6'3"	290	Sr.	Arizona State
OL	Kyle Young	6'3"	277	Sr.	Clemson
OL	Andre Gurode	6'4"	320	Sr.	Colorado
OL	Cedric Williams	6'3"	295	Jr.	South Carolina
QB	Joey Harrington	6'4"	220	Sr.	Oregon
RB	T.J. Duckett	6'2"	252	Jr.	Mich. State
RB	William Green	6'1"	215	Jr.	Boston College

DEFENSE

DL	Bryan Knight	6'2"	230	Sr.	Pittsburgh
DL	Dwight Freeney	6'1"	245	Sr.	Syracuse
DL	Terrell Suggs	6'5"	240	So.	Arizona State
DL	Andre Arnold	6'4"	238	Sr.	Memphis
LB	Josh Thornhill	6'2"	234	Sr.	Mich. State
LB	Mario Haggan	6'3"	253	Jr.	Miss. State
LB	Lance Briggs	6'1"	230	Jr.	Arizona
DB	Kevin Thomas	5'11"	180	Sr.	UNLV
DB	Quentin Jammer	6'1"	198	Sr.	Texas
DB	Roy Williams	6'0"	221	Jr.	Oklahoma
DB	Mike Rumph	6'2"	200	Sr.	Miami

SPECIALISTS

K	Alex Walls	6'1"	175	Jr.	Tennessee
KR	LaTarence Dunbar	5'11"	192	Jr.	TCU
P	Casey Roussel	6'1"	223	Sr.	Tulane
PR	Pete Rebstock	5'9"	182	Sr.	Colo. State

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10. UCLA
11. Oregon State
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13. Georgia Tech
14. Notre Dame
15. Texas
16. Ohio State
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18. Northwestern
19. LSU
20. Clemson
21. Washington
22. Alabama
23. Colorado State
24. Purdue
25. Louisville
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28. Pittsburgh
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111. Louisiana-Monroe
112. Louisiana-Lafayette
113. Connecticut
114. Arkansas State
115. South Florida
116. Kent State
117. Troy State

Predicted Order of Finish

1. Florida State
2. Georgia Tech
3. Clemson
4. NC State
5. North Carolina
6. Virginia
7. Maryland
8. Wake Forest
9. Duke

Chris Covatta

Preseason All-ACC

Offense

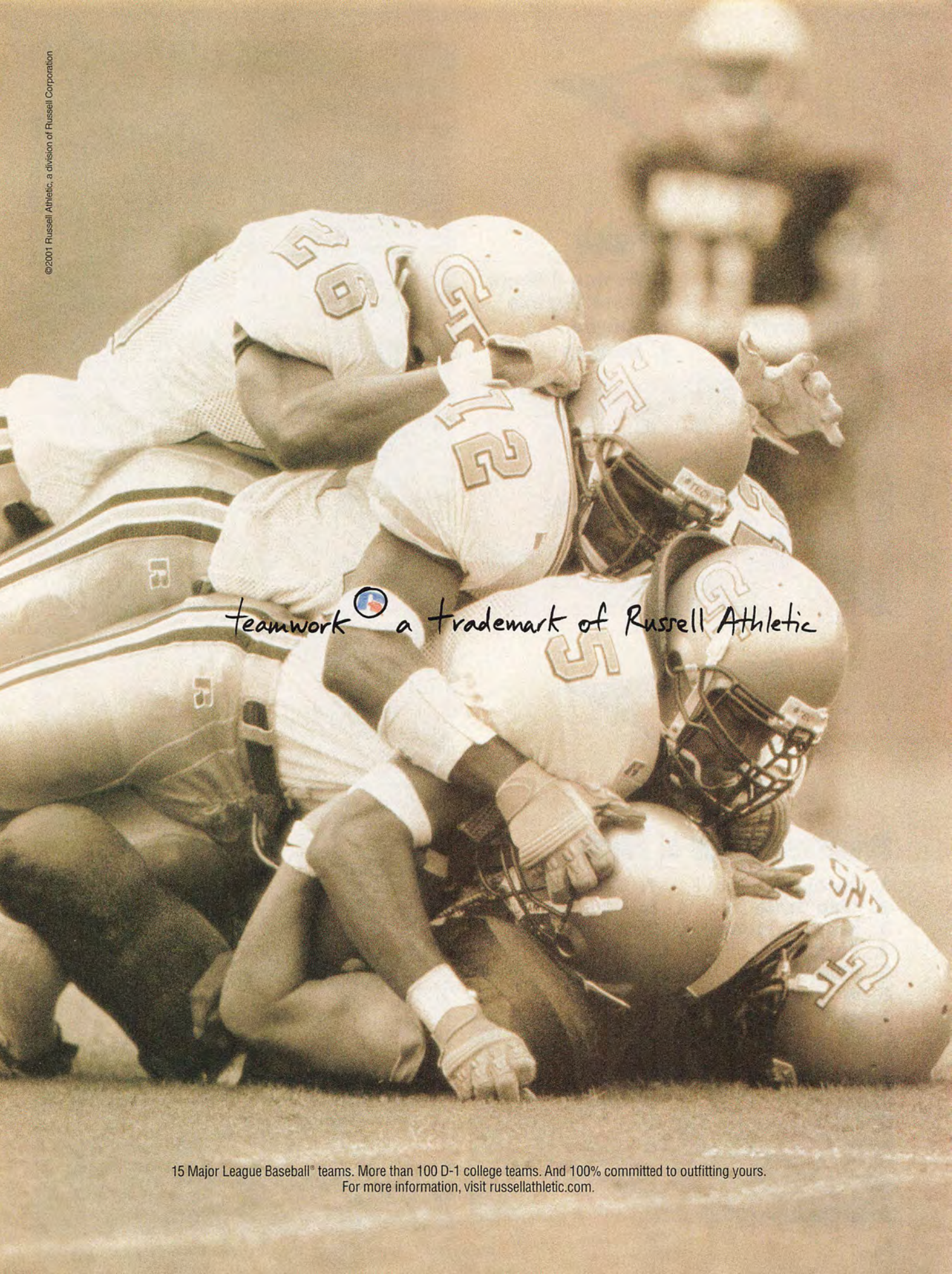
QB	George Godsey	6'2"	205	Sr.	Georgia Tech
RB	Antwoine Womack	5'11"	210	Sr.	Virginia
RB	Travis Zachery	6'0"	190	Sr.	Clemson
WR	Kelly Campbell	5'11"	170	Sr.	Georgia Tech
WR	Atrews Bell	5'11"	201	Sr.	Florida State
TE	Willie Wright	6'4"	226	Sr.	NC State
OL	Brett Williams	6'6"	315	Jr.	Florida State
OL	Jermese Jones	6'6"	320	Sr.	Virginia
OL	Montrae Holland	6'3"	325	Jr.	Florida State
OL	Will Merritt	6'3"	260	Sr.	Clemson
OL	Kyle Young, Sr.	6'3"	280	Sr.	Clemson

Defense

DL	Julius Peppers	6'6"	270	Jr.	North Carolina
DL	Darnell Dockett	6'4"	260	So.	Florida State
DL	Greg Gathers	6'1"	260	Jr.	Georgia Tech
DL	Nick Rogers	6'2"	250	Sr.	Georgia Tech
LB	Levar Fisher	6'1"	229	Sr.	NC State
LB	Chad Carson	6'3"	235	Sr.	Clemson
LB	Bradley Jennings	6'3"	240	Sr.	Florida State
DB	Jeremy Muyres	6'3"	205	Jr.	Georgia Tech
DB	Errol Hood	5'11"	195	Jr.	North Carolina
DB	Chris Hope	6'0"	205	Sr.	Florida State
DB	Terrence Holt	6'2"	194	Jr.	NC State

Specialists

K	Luke Manget	5'9"	176	Jr.	Georgia Tech
P	Brooks Barnard	6'2"	182	Jr.	Maryland
KR	John Stone	5'11"	180	Sr.	Wake Forest
PR	Bosley Allen	6'1"	190	Jr.	North Carolina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Predicted Order of Finish

1. Virginia Tech
2. Miami
3. Pittsburgh
4. Syracuse
5. Boston College
6. West Virginia
7. Temple
8. Rutgers

Ric Fogel

Preseason All-Big East

Offense

QB	Ken Dorsey	6'5"	210	Jr.	Miami
RB	Lee Suggs	6'0"	204	Jr.	Virginia Tech
RB	William Green	6'1"	215	Jr.	Boston College
TE	Jeremy Shockey	6'5"	240	Jr.	Miami
WR	Antonio Bryant	6'2"	185	Jr.	Pittsburgh
WR	André Davis	6'1"	194	Sr.	Virginia Tech
OL	Bryant McKinnie	6'9"	330	Sr.	Miami
OL	Joaquin Gonzalez	6'5"	290	Sr.	Miami
OL	Khiawatha Downey	6'4"	305	Jr.	Pittsburgh
OL	Steve DeMasi	6'3"	278	Sr.	Virginia Tech
OL	P.J. Alexander	6'4"	294	Sr.	Syracuse

Defense

DL	Cornelius Green	6'4"	270	Sr.	Miami
DL	Bryan Knight	6'2"	230	Sr.	Pittsburgh
DL	Dwight Freeney	6'1"	245	Sr.	Syracuse
DL	David Pugh	6'3"	271	Sr.	Virginia Tech
LB	Gerald Hayes	6'3"	240	Jr.	Pittsburgh
LB	Ben Taylor	6'2"	235	Sr.	Virginia Tech
LB	Clifton Smith	6'2"	254	Jr.	Syracuse
DB	Ed Reed	6'0"	190	Sr.	Miami
DB	Ramon Walker	6'0"	195	Jr.	Pittsburgh
DB	Lenny Walls	6'4"	191	Sr.	Boston College
DB	Mike Rumph	6'2"	200	Sr.	Miami

Specialists

K	Carter Warley	5'11"	184	So.	Virginia Tech
P	Freddie Capshaw	5'11"	180	Jr.	Miami
KR	Shawn Terry	6'3"	175	Sr.	West Virginia
PR	André Davis	6'1"	194	Sr.	Virginia Tech

Predicted Order of Finish

1. Michigan
2. Ohio State
3. Northwestern
4. Purdue
5. Illinois
6. Wisconsin
7. Michigan State
8. Penn State
9. Minnesota
10. Iowa
11. Indiana

Matt Brown

Preseason All-Big Ten

Offense

QB	Zak Kustok	6'1"	209	Sr.	Northwestern
RB	Damien Anderson	5'11"	204	Sr.	Northwestern
RB	T.J. Duckett	6'2"	252	Jr.	Michigan State
WR	Ron Johnson	6'3"	216	Sr.	Minnesota
WR	Marquise Walker	6'3"	212	Sr.	Michigan
TE	Tm Stratton	6'4"	258	Sr.	Purdue
OL	LeCharles Bentley	6'2"	290	Sr.	Ohio State
OL	Leon Brockmeier	6'1"	307	Sr.	Northwestern
OL	Luke Butkus	6'4"	287	Sr.	Illinois
OL	Jonathan Goodwin	6'4"	294	Sr.	Michigan
OL	Jeff Roehl	6'4"	291	Jr.	Northwestern

Defense

DL	Wendell Bryant	6'4"	293	Sr.	Wisconsin
DL	Akin Ayodele	6'3"	253	Sr.	Purdue
DL	Matt Mitrione	6'3"	281	Sr.	Purdue
DL	Greg White	6'2"	265	Sr.	Minnesota
LB	Larry Foote	6'1"	228	Sr.	Michigan
LB	Josh Thornhill	6'2"	234	Sr.	Michigan State
LB	Napoleon Harris	6'3"	237	Sr.	Northwestern
DB	Mike Doss	5'11"	190	Jr	Ohio State
DB	Mike Echols	5'10"	171	Sr.	Wisconsin
DB	Cedric Henry	5'10"	180	Sr.	Michigan State
DB	Stuart Schweigert	6'3"	202	So.	Purdue

Specialists

K	Dan Nystrom	5'11"	205	Jr.	Minnesota
P	Preston Gruening	5'10"	204	Jr.	Minnesota
KR	Kahlil Hill	6'3"	195	Sr.	Iowa
PR	Sam Simmons	5'10"	197	Sr.	Northwestern

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Predicted Order of Finish

North

1. Nebraska
2. Kansas State
3. Colorado
4. Iowa State
5. Missouri
6. Kansas

South

1. Oklahoma
2. Texas
3. Texas Tech
4. Texas A&M
5. Oklahoma State
6. Baylor

Big 12 Champion — Nebraska

Ric Fogel

Preseason All-Big 12

Offense

QB	Eric Crouch	6'1"	200	Sr.	Nebraska
RB	Quentin Griffin	5'6"	187	Jr.	Oklahoma
RB	Ennis Haywood	5'11"	206	Sr.	Iowa State
WR	Curtis Fagan	6'0"	175	Jr.	Oklahoma
WR	Roy Williams	6'5"	210	So.	Texas
TE	Tracey Wistrom	6'5"	240	Sr.	Nebraska
OL	Toniu Fonoti	6'4"	340	Jr.	Nebraska
OL	Frank Romero	6'4"	286	Sr.	Oklahoma
OL	Andre Gurode	6'4"	320	Sr.	Colorado
OL	Seth McKinney	6'3"	302	Sr.	Texas A&M
OL	Mike Williams	6'6"	339	Sr.	Texas

Defense

DL	Nate Dwyer	6'3"	300	Sr.	Kansas
DL	Justin Bannan	6'3"	295	Sr.	Colorado
DL	Ty Warren	6'4"	300	Jr.	Texas A&M
LB	Ben Leber	6'4"	250	Sr.	Kansas State
LB	Rocky Calmus	6'3"	234	Sr.	Oklahoma
LB	Lawrence Flugence	6'1"	221	Jr.	Texas Tech
LB	Jashon Sykes	6'3"	230	Sr.	Colorado
DB	Roy Williams	6'0"	221	Jr.	Oklahoma
DB	Quentin Jammer	6'1"	198	Sr.	Texas
DB	Kevin Curtis	6'3"	209	Sr.	Texas Tech
DB	Keyuo Craver	5'10"	190	Sr.	Nebraska

Specialists

K	Tim Duncan	6'2"	198	Sr.	Oklahoma
P	Jeff Ferguson	5'10"	190	Sr.	Oklahoma
KR	Victor Ike	5'11"	195	Jr.	Texas
PR	Aaron Lockett	5'7"	165	Sr.	Kansas State

Predicted Order of Finish

1. Louisville
2. ECU
3. Southern Miss
4. UAB
5. Memphis
6. TCU
7. Tulane
8. Houston
9. Cincinnati
10. Army

Tim Clark/Athlon Sports

Preseason All-C-USA

Offense

QB	Dave Ragone	6'4"	240	Jr.	Louisville
RB	Derrick Nix	6'2"	226	Sr.	Southern Miss
RB	Ray Jackson	6'1"	216	Sr.	Cincinnati
WR	Orlando Iglesias	6'3"	220	Sr.	Houston
WR	Deion Branch	5'10"	195	Sr.	Louisville
OL	Artis Hicks	6'5"	315	Sr.	Memphis
OL	Victor Payne	6'1"	305	Sr.	TCU
OL	Preston Fray	6'5"	325	Sr.	UAB
OL	Dustin Plumadore	6'1"	305	Sr.	Army
OL	Torrin Tucker	6'6"	315	Jr.	Southern Miss
TE	Ronnie Ghent	6'2"	230	Jr.	Louisville

Defense

DL	Andre Arnold	6'4"	238	Sr.	Memphis
DL	Michael Josiah	6'4"	235	Jr.	Louisville
DL	Bryan Thomas	6'4"	255	Sr.	UAB
DL	Eddie Freeman	6'6"	300	Sr.	UAB
LB	Pernell Griffin	6'3"	240	Sr.	ECU
LB	Brian Zickefoose	5'10"	210	Sr.	Army
LB	Rod Davis	6'2"	231	So.	Southern Miss
DB	Anthony Floyd	5'10"	190	Jr.	Louisville
DB	Chad Williams	5'10"	200	Sr.	Southern Miss
DB	Glenn Sumter	6'2"	198	Jr.	Memphis
DB	Adrian Singleton	6'2"	210	Sr.	UAB

Specialists

K	Jonathon Ruffin	5'10"	185	Jr.	Cincinnati
P	Casey Roussel	6'1"	223	Sr.	Tulane
KR	LaTarence Dunbar	5'11"	192	Jr.	TCU
PR	Omari Thompson	5'7"	160	Sr.	Army

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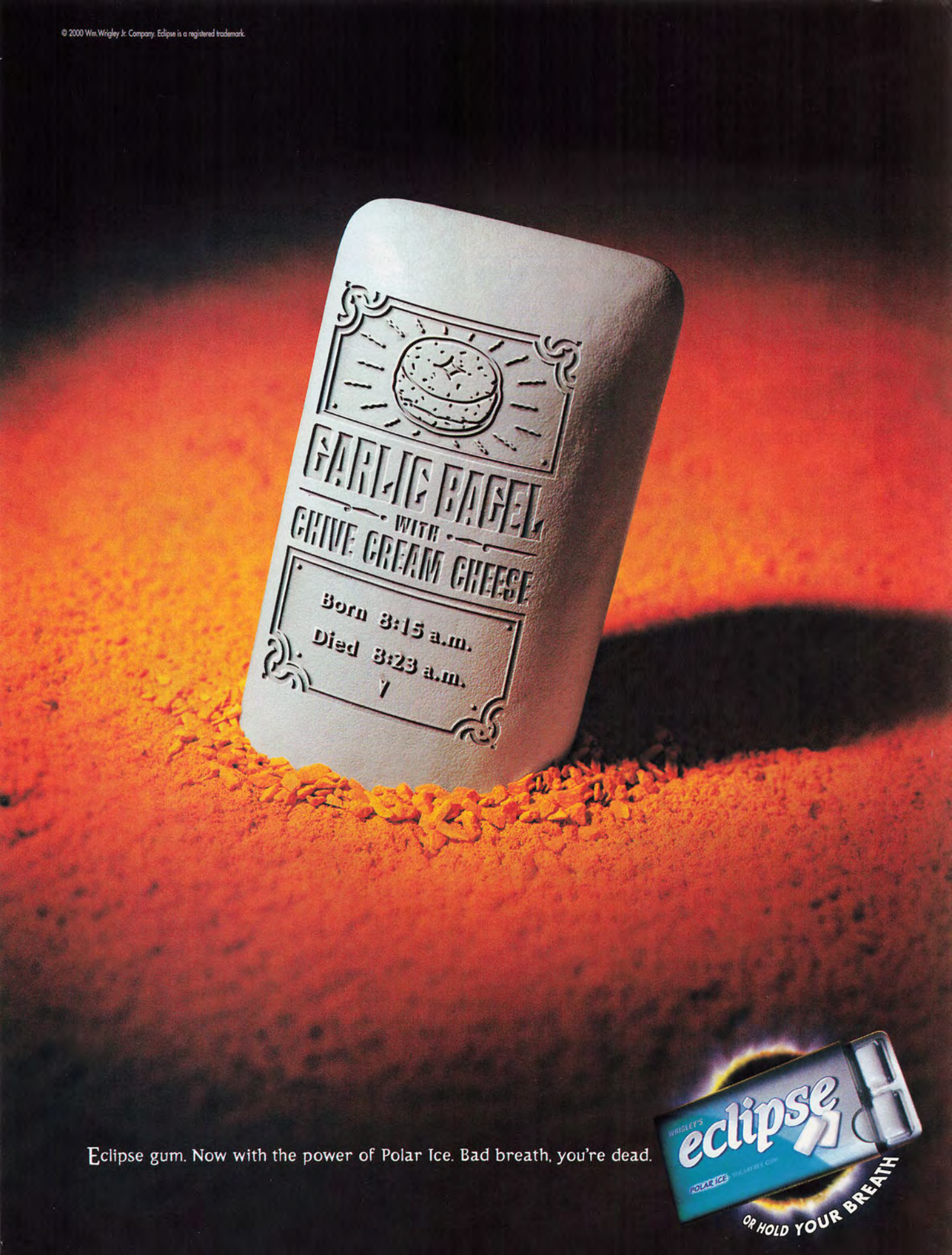

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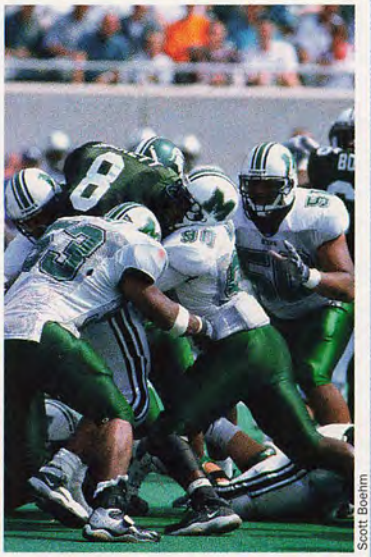
Predicted Order of Finish

East

1. Marshall
2. Ohio
3. Miami
4. Akron
5. Bowling Green
6. Buffalo
7. Kent State

West

1. Toledo
2. Western Michigan
3. Northern Illinois
4. Ball State
5. Central Michigan
6. Eastern Michigan



Scott Boehm

MAC Champion — Toledo

Predicted Order of Finish

1. Colorado State
2. BYU
3. UNLV
4. Air Force
5. San Diego State
6. Utah
7. New Mexico
8. Wyoming

Tim Clark/Athlon Sports

Preseason All-MAC

Offense

QB	Tavares Bolden	6'1"	205	Sr.	Toledo
RB	Chester Taylor	5'10"	205	Sr.	Toledo
RB	Thomas Hammock	5'9"	202	Jr.	No. Illinois
WR	Kenny Christian	6'1"	198	Sr.	Eastern Mich.
WR	David Bautista	6'0"	180	Sr.	Bowling Green
TE	Mobolaji Afariogun	6'4"	228	Jr.	Western Mich.
OL	Konrad Dean	6'4"	297	Sr.	Akron
OL	Matt Comer	6'3"	283	Sr.	Toledo
OL	Nick Glowacki	6'5"	312	Sr.	Ohio
OL	Jeff Grzeskowiak	6'5"	309	So.	Akron
OL	Phil Hawk	6'5"	313	Sr.	Miami

Defense

DL	Anthony Allsbury	6'2"	254	Jr.	Western Mich.
DL	Chris Browning	6'2"	248	Jr.	Western Mich.
DL	Ralph Street	6'0"	255	Sr.	Marshall
DL	Leo Frierson	6'2"	245	Sr.	Toledo
LB	Larry Williams	5'11"	226	Jr.	No. Illinois
LB	Max Yates	6'3"	228	Sr.	Marshall
LB	Matt Weikert	6'1"	225	Sr.	Ohio
DB	Ronald Rogers	5'8"	174	Sr.	Western Mich.
DB	Jermaine Lewis	6'4"	194	Jr.	Western Mich.
DB	Demerist Whitfield	5'11"	172	Jr.	No. Illinois
DB	Tedaro France	6'0"	185	Sr.	Central Mich.

Specialists

K	Todd France	6'3"	185	Sr.	Toledo
P	Dave Zastudil	6'3"	230	Sr.	Ohio
KR	Milt Bowen	6'2"	213	Jr.	Miami
PR	Josh Bush	5'9"	148	Sr.	Western Mich.

Preseason All-MWC

Offense

QB	Jason Thomas	6'4"	230	Jr.	UNLV
RB	Adam Tate	6'1"	230	Sr.	Utah
RB	Cecil Sapp	6'1"	218	Jr.	Colorado State
WR	Ryan Fleming	6'5"	220	Sr.	Air Force
WR	Dallas Davis	5'10"	181	Sr.	Colorado State
TE	Jose Ochoa	6'3"	255	Sr.	Colorado State
OL	Doug Kaufusi	6'6"	308	Sr.	Utah
OL	Adam Goldberg	6'7"	315	Jr.	Wyoming
OL	David Moreno	6'2"	290	Sr.	San Diego State
OL	Jason Scukanec	6'2"	282	Sr.	BYU
OL	Ben Miller	6'4"	270	Sr.	Air Force

Defense

DL	Brian Johnson	6'3"	280	Sr.	New Mexico
DL	Anton Palepoi	6'4"	275	Sr.	UNLV
DL	Jerome Haywood	5'9"	280	Sr.	San Diego State
DL	Pete Hogan	6'3"	255	Jr.	Colorado State
LB	Justin Ena	6'3"	261	Sr.	BYU
LB	Jomar Butler	5'11"	215	Sr.	San Diego State
LB	Sheldon Deckart	6'2"	233	Jr.	Utah
DB	Kevin Thomas	5'11"	180	Sr.	UNLV
DB	Will Demps	6'0"	215	Sr.	San Diego State
DB	Ricky Sharpe	6'1"	185	Jr.	San Diego State
DB	Stephen Persley	5'9"	175	Sr.	New Mexico

Specialists

K	Vladimir Borombozin	5'10"	175	Sr.	New Mexico
P	Aaron Edmonds	5'11"	192	Sr.	BYU
KR	Pete Rebstock	5'9"	182	Sr.	Colorado State
PR	Troy Mason	5'10"	170	Jr.	UNLV

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Predicted Order of Finish

1. Oregon
2. UCLA
3. Oregon State
4. Washington
5. Stanford
6. USC
7. Arizona State
8. Arizona
9. California
10. Wash. State

Brian Ebner

Preseason All-PAC 10

Offense

QB	Joey Harrington	6'4"	220	Sr.	Oregon
RB	Ken Simonton	5'8"	191	Sr.	Oregon State
RB	DeShaun Foster	6'1"	215	Sr.	UCLA
WR	Brian Poli-Dixon	6'5"	216	Sr.	UCLA
WR	Keenan Howry	5'10"	170	Jr.	Oregon
TE	Jerramy Stevens	6'7"	260	Jr.	Washington
OL	Chris Gibson	6'3"	279	Sr.	Oregon State
OL	Scott Peters	6'3"	293	Sr.	Arizona State
OL	Eric Heitmann	6'4"	295	Sr.	Stanford
OL	Levi Jones	6'6"	216	Sr.	Arizona State
OL	Brandon Ludwig	6'4"	285	Jr.	California

Defense

DE	Kenyon Coleman	6'6"	276	Sr.	UCLA
DE	Terrell Suggs	6'5"	232	So.	Arizona State
DT	Larry Tripplett	6'1"	300	Sr.	Washington
DT	Keoni Fraser	6'1"	282	Sr.	Arizona
LB	Lance Briggs	6'1"	235	Jr.	Arizona
LB	Robert Thomas	6'2"	237	Sr.	UCLA
LB	Roanall Smith	6'2"	243	Sr.	Wash. State
DB	Troy Polamalu	5'10"	210	Jr.	USC
DB	Rashad Bauman	5'8"	175	Sr.	Oregon
DB	Dennis Weathersby	6'1"	201	Jr.	Oregon State
DB	Ricky Manning	5'9"	180	Jr.	UCLA

Specialists

K	Ryan Cesca	5'8"	176	Jr.	Oregon State
P	Nick Murphy	6'0"	185	Sr.	Arizona State
KR	Bobby Wade	5'11"	187	Jr.	Arizona
PR	Jemeel Powell	6'1"	185	Jr.	California

Predicted Order of Finish

East

1. Florida
2. Tennessee
3. Georgia
4. South Carolina
5. Vanderbilt
6. Kentucky

West

1. Miss. State
2. LSU
3. Alabama
4. Arkansas
5. Ole Miss
6. Auburn

SEC Champion — Florida

Mark Langello

Preseason All-SEC

Offense

QB	Casey Clausen	6'4"	210	So.	Tennessee
RB	Dicenzo Miller	5'10"	207	Sr.	Miss. State
RB	Cedric Cobbs	6'1"	228	So.	Arkansas
WR	Jabar Gaffney	6'1"	202	So.	Florida
WR	Josh Reed	5'11"	198	Jr.	LSU
TE	Derek Smith	6'6"	265	Jr.	Kentucky
OL	Terrence Metcalf	6'3"	315	Sr.	Ole Miss
OL	Mike Pearson	6'7"	292	Jr.	Florida
OL	Kendall Simmons	6'3"	319	Sr.	Auburn
OL	Cedric Williams	6'3"	295	Jr.	S. Carolina
OL	Jon Stinchcomb	6'6"	266	Jr.	Georgia

Defense

DL	Alex Brown	6'3"	264	Sr.	Florida
DL	John Henderson	6'7"	290	Sr.	Tennessee
DL	Will Overstreet	6'4"	260	Sr.	Tennessee
DL	DeMarco McNeil	6'1"	301	So.	Auburn
LB	Kalimba Edwards	6'6"	260	Sr.	S. Carolina
LB	Saleem Rasheed	6'3"	227	Jr.	Alabama
LB	Mario Haggan	6'3"	253	Jr.	Miss. State
DB	Lito Sheppard	5'10"	194	Jr.	Florida
DB	Tim Wansley	5'9"	172	Sr.	Georgia
DB	Pig Prather	6'2"	195	Sr.	Miss. State
DB	Sheldon Brown	5'10"	190	Sr.	S. Carolina

Specialists

K	Alex Walls	6'1"	175	Jr.	Tennessee
P	Damon Duval	6'0"	184	Jr.	Auburn
KR	Ray Perkins	5'10"	191	So.	Vanderbilt
PR	Lito Sheppard	5'10"	194	Jr.	Florida

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Sun Belt Conference

Predicted Order of Finish

1. Idaho
2. Middle Tennessee
3. North Texas
4. New Mexico State
5. UL-Monroe
6. UL-Lafayette
7. Arkansas State

Idaho SID

Preseason All-Sun Belt

Offense

QB	John Welsh	6'2"	213	Sr.	Idaho
RB	Dwone Hicks	5'11"	218	Jr.	Middle Tennessee
RB	Jonathan Adams	6'0"	217	Sr.	Arkansas State
WR	Kendall Newson	6'2"	181	Sr.	Middle Tennessee
WR	Chris Lacy	6'0"	183	Sr.	Idaho
OL	Garry Johnson	6'4"	306	Jr.	Arkansas State
OL	John Crossley	6'2"	308	Jr.	Arkansas State
OL	Tony Wraggle	6'3"	305	Sr.	New Mexico State
OL	Jake Scott	6'5"	279	So.	Idaho
OL	Nick Zuniga	6'3"	319	So.	North Texas
TE	Alex Davis	6'4"	225	So.	New Mexico State

Defense

DL	Wil Beck	6'2"	310	Sr.	Idaho
DL	Tanaka Scott	6'2"	266	Sr.	Middle Tennessee
DL	Ryan Knowles	6'3"	252	Sr.	Idaho
DL	Derrick Marshall	6'3"	260	Sr.	UL-Lafayette
LB	Brad Kassell	6'3"	241	Sr.	North Texas
LB	D'Wayne Taylor	6'0"	195	Sr.	New Mexico State
LB	Maurice Sonnier	6'2"	210	So.	UL-Monroe
DB	Dedrick Buckles	5'11"	215	Sr.	UL-Monroe
DB	Jykine Bradley	5'10"	180	Sr.	Middle Tennessee
DB	Charles Tillman	6'1"	190	Jr.	UL-Lafayette
DB	Kyries Hebert	6'3"	205	Sr.	UL-Lafayette

Specialists

K	Brian Kelly	6'0"	168	So.	Middle Tennessee
P	Jason Ball	5'7"	160	Sr.	North Texas
KR	Chris Lacy	6'0"	183	Sr.	Idaho
PR	Ty Jackson	5'6"	172	Jr.	North Texas

Predicted Order of Finish

1. Fresno State
2. UTEP
3. San Jose State
4. Boise State
5. Hawaii
6. Tulsa
7. SMU
8. Rice
9. Nevada
10. Louisiana Tech

Peter Brouillet

Preseason All-WAC

Offense

QB	Timmy Chang	6'1"	190	So.	Hawaii
RB	Deonce Whitaker	5'6"	180	Sr.	San Jose State
RB	Kris Briggs	5'11"	215	Jr.	SMU
WR	Lee Mays	6'3"	190	Sr.	UTEP
WR	Donald Shoals	5'10"	175	Sr.	Tulsa
WR	Ashley Lelie	6'3"	178	Jr.	Hawaii
OL	Chris Fe'esago	6'3"	328	Sr.	San Jose State
OL	Vince Manuwai	6'2"	296	Jr.	Hawaii
OL	Joe Schey	6'7"	308	Jr.	Fresno State
OL	Trey Darilek	6'5"	270	So.	UTEP
OL	Damian Lavergne	6'6"	344	Jr.	Louisiana Tech

Defense

DL	Alan Harper	6'2"	267	Sr.	Fresno State
DL	Kevin Aldridge	6'1"	260	Sr.	SMU
DL	Gabe Williams	6'5"	225	Jr.	UTEP
LB	Dan Dawson	6'2"	200	Sr.	Rice
LB	Vic Viloria	5'10"	225	Jr.	SMU
LB	Justin Johnson	6'3"	220	Sr.	Fresno State
DB	Nate Jackson	5'10"	168	Sr.	Hawaii
DB	Bobby Gray	6'1"	210	Sr.	Louisiana Tech
DB	Crance Clemons	5'10"	165	Sr.	UTEP
DB	Vernon Fox	5'9"	195	Sr.	Fresno State
DB	Quintin Mikell	5'10"	197	Jr.	Boise State

Specialists

K	Nick Calaycay	5'7"	168	Jr.	Boise State
P	Travis Hale	6'3"	201	Jr.	Rice
KR	David Mikell	5'10"	190	So.	Boise State
PR	Donald Shoals	5'10"	175	Sr.	Tulsa

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Florida Gators

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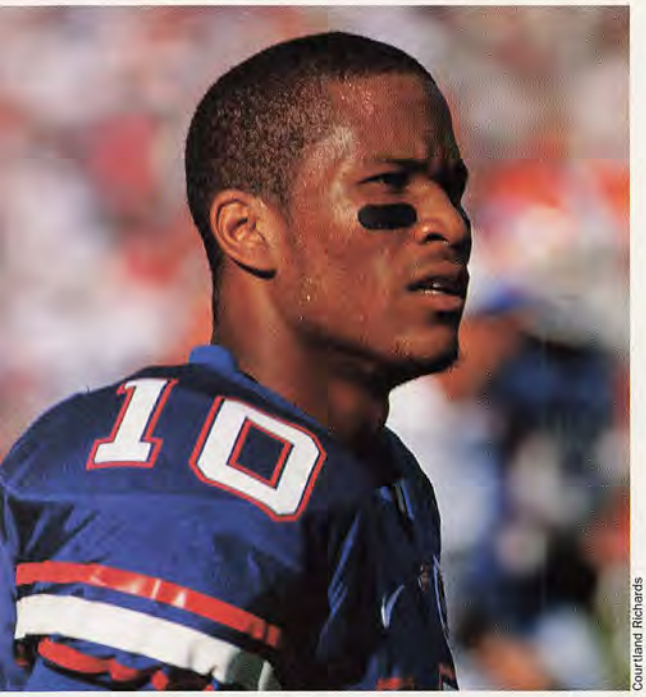
It was an unusual spring day in Gainesville. The Florida football team was hard at work, but the head ball coach wasn't working with Rex Grossman's delivery or drawing up a play in the dirt. Instead, Steve Spurrier was moving linebackers and cornerbacks into position for a zone defense. The genius with offenses was trying to figure out a way to stop one.



Courtland Richards

Jabar Gaffney

Spurrier knows this team could be special. But only if it gets a lot better than it was last year. "We weren't all that great last year," he says. "We got breaks in almost every conference game."

40 The number of turnovers generated by the Florida defense a year ago, giving the Gators a plus-19 in turnover ratio.

Florida did win the SEC last year, Spurrier's sixth title in 11 years at a school that had recorded no official league championships before his arrival. But losses to Florida State and Miami left a sour taste in his mouth. And a renewed interest in defense.

Grossman won an SEC championship and found himself in the middle of a quarterback battle with Brock Berlin just a few months later. Spurrier decided to wait to name a starter because neither emerged as the clear No. 1. Regardless of who starts, the pattern at Florida since 1996 has been that two quarterbacks will play. Berlin has more natural talent, but the savvy Grossman has a way of making plays.

Junior running back Earnest Graham combines power with speed and is the most consistent of four tailbacks vying for time. Senior Robert Gillespie is more of a slasher, and both he and Graham have shown the ability to catch the ball and make things happen in the open field.

Florida will have an All-SEC receiver. It's happened every year under Spurrier. Last season it was Jabar Gaffney, who caught 14 touchdown passes as a freshman. Junior Reche Caldwell has finally added some discipline to his talent and gives the Gators a lethal one-two punch. Junior Taylor Jacobs is the best bet to be the third receiver. He has the speed and showed in the spring the ability to make big plays.

Junior tight ends Aaron Walker and Kirk Wells shared time a year ago and they'll be pressed this season by sophomore Ben Troupe.

With All-SEC junior Mike Pearson at one tackle and Max Starks at the other, the Gators' success on offense will depend on how much the middle of the line improves. Senior Zac Zedalis returns for a sixth year after receiving a medical redshirt. He adds size and strength to the center position but will have to battle last year's starter David Jorgensen. Senior Thomas Moody, converted from defense prior to last season, has had his moments at right guard. Left guard should be a battle right up until the opening game between Erik Strange and Shannon Snell.

Defensive end Alex Brown is back, which is a surprise to many. Brown's junior season was inconsistent, but he can be a game-breaking pass rusher.

Sophomore Clint Mitchell teams with Brown to give the Gators bookend sack artists, but the big question will be the tackles. Sophomore Ian Scott, junior Tron LaFavor and juco transfer Bryan Savelio will plug the holes in the middle.

Make no mistake about it, linebacker Andra Davis is the leader of this defense. Outside linebackers Byron "Bam" Hardmon and Marcus Oquendo-Johnson missed most of the spring with injuries, but the two will be ready in the fall. Mike Nattiel, also a junior, has to show more consistency. Florida may have more solid players at linebacker than at any time in the Spurrier Era.

The Gators go into the fall with five cornerbacks and four strong safeties who have started games. The star is Lito Sheppard, who had a knack for the big play last season. He sometimes freelances too much, but makes up for it with speed and instincts.

Robert Cromartie and sophomore Keiwan Ratliff will alternate at the corner opposite Sheppard. Potentially, this is the best secondary ever at Florida.

Florida returns a weapon in placekicker Jeff Chandler, who received an extra year of eligibility from the NCAA. He made 16 of his last 17 field goal attempts last season, including a 54-yarder against Georgia. The punting situation is wide open with walk-ons expected to battle it out with freshman Matt Piotrowicz.

Sheppard led the SEC in punt returns in 2000 with a 14-yard average and returned two punts for scores. He'll also return kicks.

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR	**10**	**Jabar Gaffney (So., 1)**	23	Carlos Perez (So., 1)
WR	**17**	**Reche Caldwell (Jr., 2)**	6	Taylor Jacobs (Jr., 2)
LT	**71**	**Mike Pearson (Jr., 2)**	79	Bobby Williams (Fr., 0)
LG	75	Shannon Snell (So., 1)	66	Erik Strange (Sr., 3)
C	74	Zac Zedalis (Sr., 3)	**54**	**David Jorgensen (Jr., 2)**
RG	**72**	**Thomas Moody (Sr., 2)**	64	David Kearley (Jr., 1)
RT	77	Max Starks (So., 1)	76	Chad Tidwell (Fr., 0)
TE	**82**	**Aaron Walker (Jr., 2)**	84	Ben Troupe (So., 1)
QB	**8**	**Rex Grossman (So., 1)**	9	Brock Berlin (So., 1)
FB	44	Rob Roberts (Sr., 3)	41	Ray Snell (Fr., 0)
RB	5	Earnest Graham (Jr., 2)	**20**	**Robert Gillespie (Sr., 3)**

Defense (9)

DE	**94**	**Clint Mitchell (So., 1)**	86	Darrell Lee (So., 1)
NT	97	Ian Scott (So., 1)	65	Arpedge Rolle (Jr., 2)
DT	98	Tron LaFavor (Jr., 2)	60	Bryan Savelio (Jr., 0)
RE	**13**	**Alex Brown (Sr., 3)**	35	Kennard Ellis (Sr., 1)
LB	**59**	**Mike Nattiel (Jr., 2)**	43	Matt Farrior (So., 1)
LB	45	Andra Davis (Sr., 3)	**55**	**Travis Carroll (Sr., 1)**
LB	42	Byron Hardmon (Jr., 2)	**50**	**Marcus Oquendo-Johnson (Jr., 2)**
LC	**3**	**Lito Sheppard (Jr., 2)**	30	Bennie Alexander (Sr., 3)
RC	**25**	**Robert Cromartie (Sr., 3)**	1	Keiwan Ratliff, (So., 1)
SS	**4**	**Marquand Manuel (Sr., 3)**	37	Guss Scott (So., 1)
FS	**26**	**Todd Johnson (Jr., 2)**	34	Daryl Dixon (Jr., 2)

Special Teams

K	49	Jeff Chandler (Sr., 3)
P	38	Matt Piotrowicz (Fr., 0)
KR	3	Lito Sheppard (Jr., 2)
PR	3	Lito Sheppard (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Steve Spurrier — **2000 Record (SEC): 10-3 (7-1)**
2001 Prediction: 1st SEC East — **Ben Hill Griffin Stadium (83,000)**

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Nebraska Cornhuskers

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Nebraska won't attract quite as much attention as last season, when it was No. 1 in many preseason polls. And that's fine with coach Frank Solich. There won't be as many distractions.

Still, Solich will tolerate a little national championship consideration because "if no one thinks you're going to be pretty good, then you've probably got problems," he says.

Ric Fogel

Eric Crouch

The Cornhuskers should be good enough to challenge for the national title, with an offense directed by quarterback Eric Crouch and an improved defense.

Crouch's toughness is unquestioned. He's like a running back, having carried the ball 349 times the past two seasons. Yet he has never missed a snap that mattered since taking over as the starter.

96.9 Nebraska's winning percentage at Memorial Stadium in the past 10 seasons. The Cornhuskers have lost only twice in 64 home games during that time.

He has, however, been bothered by a sore right shoulder, which has required two surgeries. Crouch isn't going to be mistaken for a dropback passer; he poses his greatest threat as a runner. He's already the leading rusher among quarterbacks in school history.

Going into spring, Solich said whether he alternated I-backs as he did last season would depend on whether someone from a group including juniors Dahrran Diedrick and Thunder Collins and sophomores DeAntae Grixby and Robin Miller asserted himself.

Diedrick emerged. He has size and strength but lacks breakaway speed and doesn't have experience with a game on the line. Collins arrived from junior college a year ago with great expectations but languished down on the depth chart. He has excellent hands, making him a receiving threat.

Judd Davies has shown the ability to rank with Nebraska's best fullbacks. He's a threat to catch the ball as well as run it, and he's a punishing blocker.

Lack of depth at receiver is a concern with the loss of Bobby Newcombe and Matt Davison, but Crouch can count on senior tight end Tracey Wistrom to get open. All 19 of Wistrom's receptions in 2000 were good for first downs or touchdowns. He is averaging 22.4 yards per reception in his career, which will be a school record if can maintain it.

Junior wingback Troy Hassebroek has been used exclusively as a blocker, as has junior split end Wilson Thomas, who has only one career pass reception.

The early departure for the NFL of Dominic Raiola has left a void at center and made room for guard Toniu Fonoti to become the Huskers' designated Outland Trophy candidate. Fonoti is a tenacious run blocker and has surprising quickness for his size. Senior Dave Volk lines up alongside Fonoti at left tackle. Versatile senior Jon Rutherford has played all five interior line positions as a sixth man and will become a starter. The other starting positions are up for grabs.

On defense, tackles Jeremy Slechta and Jason Lohr give the Blackshirts a push inside. Slechta has the size and quickness to be a dominating tackle. Lohr uses his strength to hold his own at nose tackle, while junior Jon Clanton is the fastest and most athletic of the tackles.

Chris Kelsay is set at one rush end position, but Kyle Vanden Bosch must be replaced at the other. That task falls to Demoine Adams and Trevor Johnson.

Senior Jamie Burrow gets first crack at replacing Carlos Polk at middle linebacker. He is a good fit but lacks size. Junior Scott Shanle might be the only returning LB starter since Randy Stella was suspended for an unspecified violation of team rules and may or may not be reinstated. Senior Mark Vedral rotated with Stella on the weak side and will move up if Stella isn't allowed to return.

Seniors Keyuo Craver and Erwin Swiney and junior DeJuan Groce are proven cornerbacks, but safety is a concern, with senior Dion Booker the only one with experience.

Groce alternated with Swiney and broke Ralph Brown's single-season school record for break-ups with 17.

Placekicker Josh Brown, by his own admission, had a disappointing season, despite the redemption provided by a 29-yard, game-winning field goal as time elapsed against Colorado. Although walk-on Kyle Larson has yet to punt in a game, no one is questioning his right to that job, given his performance in practice.

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

SE	9	Wilson Thomas (Jr., 2)	5	Ben Zajicek (Fr., 0)
LT	**58**	**Dave Volk (Sr., 3)**	73	Scott Koethe (Jr., 1)
LG	**77**	**Toniu Fonoti (Jr., 2)**	50	Jon Dawson (So., 1)
C	66	Jon Rutherford (Sr., 2)	53	Matt Shook (Jr., 1)
RG	59	Wes Cody (Jr., 1)	50	Jon Dawson (So., 1)
RT	76	Chris Loos (So., 1)	68	Dan Waldrop (So., 1)
TE	**87**	**Tracey Wistrom (Sr., 3)**	99	Aaron Golliday (Jr., 2)
WB	89	Troy Hassebroek (Jr., 2)	81	Ben Cornelson (Jr., 1)
QB	**7**	**Eric Crouch (Sr., 3)**	10	Jammal Lord (So., 1)
FB	4	Judd Davies (So., 1)	37	Paul Kastl (Jr., 1)
IB	30	Dahrran Diedrick (Jr., 2)	6	DeAntae Grixby (So., 1)

Defense (9)

RE	**57**	**Chris Kelsay (Jr., 2)**	92	Justin Smith (Jr., 2)
NT	**70**	**Jason Lohr (Sr., 3)**	55	Jon Clanton (Jr., 2)
DT	**56**	**Jeremy Slechta (Sr., 3)**	85	Casey Nelson (Sr., 2)
RE	98	Demoine Adams (Jr., 2)	88	Trevor Johnson (So., 1)
LB	**43**	**Scott Shanle (Jr., 2)**	40	T.J. Shanle (Jr., 2)
LB	48	Jamie Burrow (Sr., 3)	90	Tony Tata (Jr., 1)
LB	**34**	**Randy Stella (Sr., 2)**	9	Mark Vedral (Sr., 3)
CB	**3**	**Keyuo Craver (Sr., 3)**	28	Pat Ricketts (So., 1)
FS	**14**	**Dion Booker (Sr., 3)**	27	Willie Amos (So., 1)
Rov	2	Aaron Terpening (Jr., 2)	20	Wes Woodward (Sr., 3)
CB	**16**	**Erwin Swiney (Sr., 3)**	5	DeJuan Groce (Jr., 2)

Special Teams

K	26	Josh Brown (Jr., 2)
P	46	Kyle Larson (So., 0)
KR	34	Randy Stella (Sr., 2)
PR	5	DeJuan Groce (Jr., 2)

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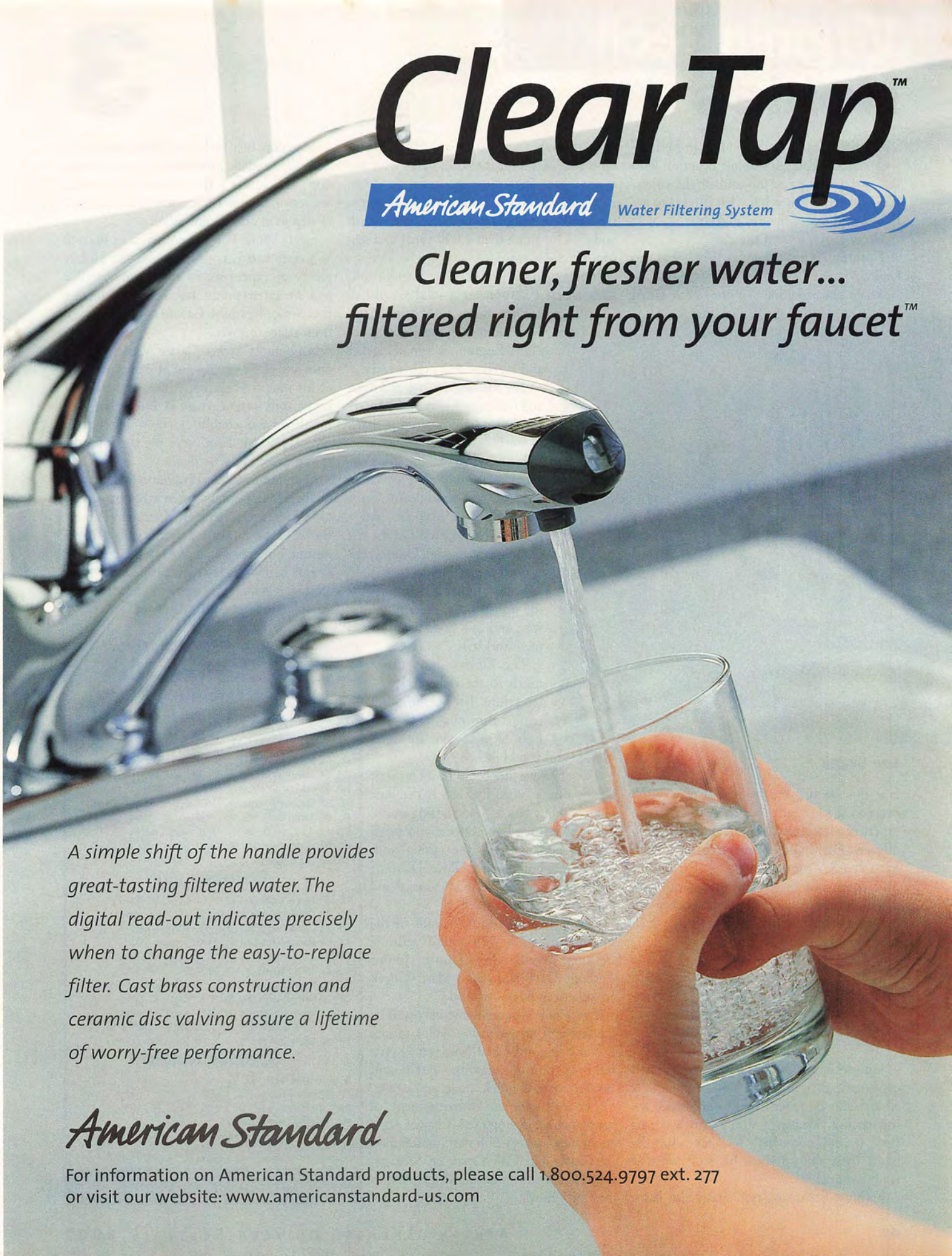
Head Coach: Frank Solich **2000 Record (Big 12): 10–2 (6–2)**
2001 Prediction: 1st Big 12 North **Memorial Stadium (74,031)**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Virginia Tech Hokies

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Jeff Gordon is ready to jump in his racecar. The thing looks just beautiful with its snazzy paint job and bright colors. His experienced crew has what it takes to get him in and out of the pits quickly.

Gordon tries to start the car.

Nothing. The daggone thing has no engine.

That's the situation Virginia Tech could face this season, thanks to Michael Vick's decision to leave early for the NFL. This is an experienced, talented team. A practically new offensive line would be easier to break in with Vick. But he's gone.

Ric Fogel

Lee Suggs

"I think our football team has question marks in the two areas you'd rather they not be (quarterback and offensive line)," Tech coach Frank Beamer says.

> **12** The total career passes thrown by Tech's quarterback contingent, all of them by junior Grant Noel (he's completed five).

Junior Grant Noel, who has very limited experience, steps in at quarterback and has by all accounts done well preparing himself for this chance. He has a strong arm and isn't slow (except compared to Vick), but he hasn't been able to show his stuff when it really counts.

Redshirt freshman Jason Davis also has a strong arm, but is less familiar with Tech's system. Tech's future at the position lies with one of its three incoming quarterbacks. One, Bryan Randall of Williamsburg, Va., became the first high school player in the state to rush and pass for more than 1,000 yards in a season. He did it twice.

Junior tailback Lee Suggs and senior fullback Jarrett Ferguson are a solid set of ball carriers. Suggs rushed for 1,207 yards and 27 touchdowns in 2000. Ferguson is a good blocker and averaged 5.2 yards a carry.

The Hokies use two tailbacks, and freshman Kevin Jones, *Super-Prep*'s top-rated running back nationally, figures to be No. 2.

In one quarter against West Virginia last season, receiver André Davis scored touchdowns on a punt return, a reception and a reverse. He spent most of the rest of the season injured. Healthy, he's as good as you'll find.

Senior Emmett Johnson was the team's top receiver numbers-wise and is a good complement to Davis.

The Hokies don't throw much to the tight ends (11 receptions last season), but seniors Browning Wynn and Bob Slowikowski are sure-handed and good blockers.

The offensive line could be a bit dicey. Senior center Steve DeMasi is the lone holdover, but he's a good starting point. Potential starters Luke Owens and Jacob Gibson both sat out the spring with injuries. Sophomore Jake Grove, DeMasi's backup last season, was used at guard and may open the season there.

One player who turned heads in the spring was 6'7", 320-pound redshirt freshman tackle Jon Dunn. Junior Anthony Davis and senior Matt Wincek are other candidates at tackle.

The Hokie defensive line may well be the strength of the team. Senior tackles David Pugh and Chad Beasley had outstanding junior seasons. Pugh and Beasley are both quick, smart and strong.

The ends are an embarrassment of young riches. Sophomore Nathaniel Adibi and junior Lamar Cobb start; sophomores Jim Davis and Cols Colas are backups. Davis had sacks on back-to-back plays in the Gator Bowl.

In seniors Ben Taylor and Jake Houseright, Tech has a terrific inside linebacker combination. Taylor was a third-team All-American last season. Junior T.J. Jackson gets the chance to step in at outside linebacker.

Safety Willie Pile and cornerbacks Ronyell Whitaker and Larry Austin give the Hokies plenty of experience in the secondary. Pile had six interceptions last season, Whitaker five. Senior Kevin McCadam has been moved from safety to rover.

Sophomore kicker Carter Warley missed only one of 57 extra-point attempts and two of his nine field goal attempts, and most of his kickoffs weren't returned. But he has back problems and couldn't kick in the spring. Junior Jon Mollerup was prepared in the spring to step in if needed.

Sophomore Robert Peaslee handled most of the Hokies' punts, often without success (35.3 average). Redshirt freshman Vinnie Burns came in with a terrific high-school résumé but was not ready for the collegiate level. The Hokies say both Burns and Peaslee are better punters than they were a year ago and plan to let them battle it out.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

SE	**18**	**Emmett Johnson (Sr. 3)**	19	Ernest Wilford (So., 1)
LT	57	Anthony Davis (Jr., 2)	65	Tim Selmon (Jr., 0)
LG	60	Jacob Gibson (So., 0)	67	Anthony Nelson (So., 0)
C	**61**	**Steve DeMasi (Sr., 2)**	64	Jake Grove (So., 1)
RG	64	Jake Grove (So., 1)	74	Luke Owens (Jr., 2)
RT	58	Matt Wincek (Sr., 3)	52	Jon Dunn (Fr., 0)
TE	**93**	**Browning Wynn** (Sr., 3)	87	Bob Slowikowski (Sr., 3)
FL	**88**	**André Davis (Sr., 3)**	26	Shawn Witten (Jr., 2)
QB	11	Grant Noel (Jr., 0)	15	Jason Davis (Fr., 0)
FB	**27**	**Jarrett Ferguson (Sr., 3)**	43	Doug Easlick (So., 0)
TB	**22**	**Lee Suggs (Jr., 2)**		Kevin Jones (Fr., 0)

Defense (9)

LE	**28**	**Lamar Cobb (Jr., 1)**	99	Cols Colas (So., 1)
LT	**94**	**Chad Beasley (Sr., 3)**	70	Kevin Lewis (So., 1)
RT	**71**	**David Pugh (Sr., 3)**	53	Channing Reed (Sr., 1)
RE	**83**	**Nathaniel Adibi (So., 1)**	95	Jim Davis (So., 1)
OLB	23	T.J. Jackson (Jr., 1)	3	Deon Provitt (So., 1)
ILB	**41**	**Jake Houseright (Sr., 3)**	34	Brian Welch (Sr., 2)
ILB	**40**	**Ben Taylor (Sr., 3)**	6	Vegas Robinson (So., 0)
LC	**24**	**Larry Austin (Sr., 3)**	1	Eric Green (So., 1)
RC	**2**	**Ronyell Whitaker (Jr., 2)**	17	Garnell Wilds (So., 1)
Rov	5	Kevin McCadam (Sr., 1)	21	Michael Crawford (So., 1)
FS	**35**	**Willie Pile (Jr., 1)**	25	Billy Hardee (Jr., 1)

Special Teams

K	49	Carter Warley (So., 1)
P	89	Robert Peaslee (So., 1)
KR	88	André Davis (Sr., 3)
PR	88	André Davis (Sr., 3)

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Head Coach: Frank Beamer — **2000 Record (Big East): 11–1 (6–1)**
2001 Prediction: 1st Big East — **Lane Stadium (50,000)**

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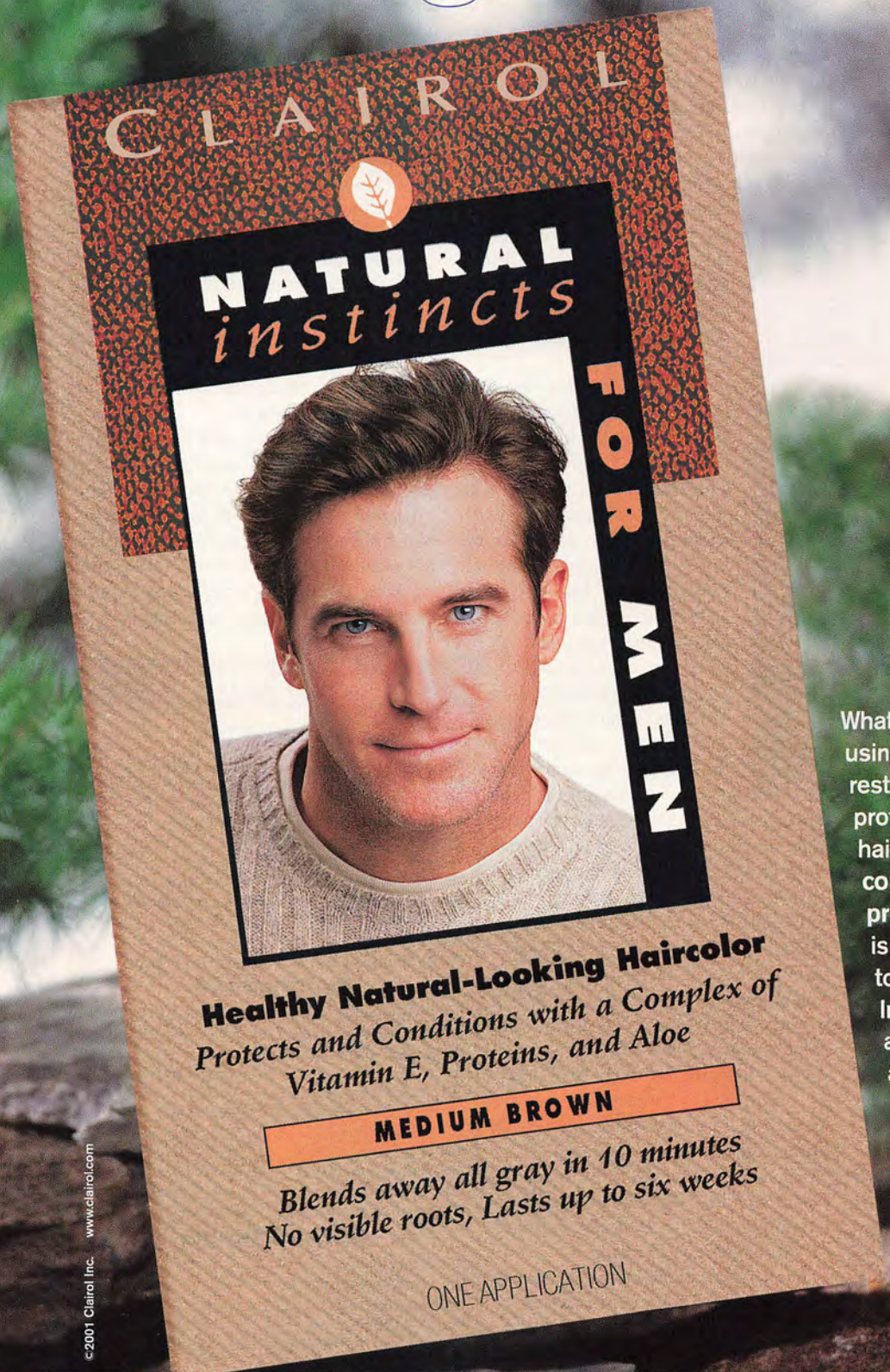

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Florida State Seminoles

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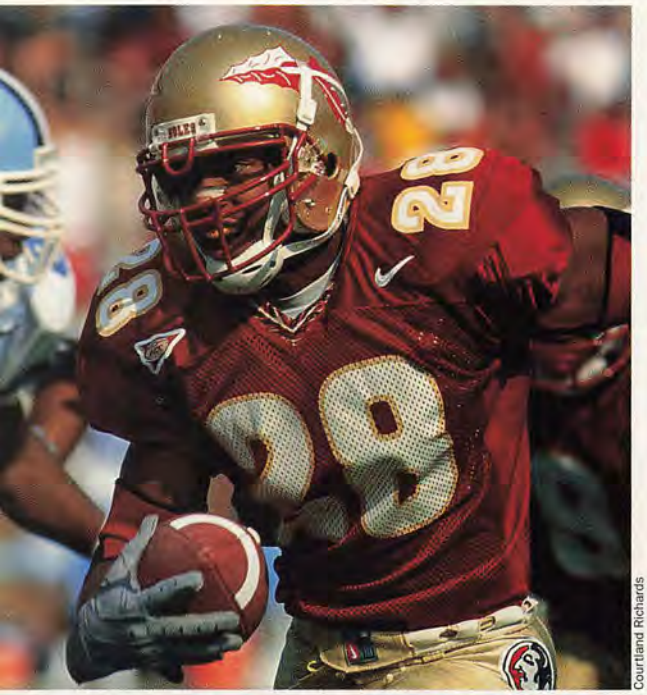
The graduation of 25 seniors who played for three national titles would shake the most stable college football program. But stable doesn't begin to describe what Bobby Bowden has built. FSU managed to extend its string of consecutive 10-win and top four (or five, depending on the poll) finishes to a staggering 14 seasons.

Bowden says the best way to describe the Seminoles' status heading into 2001 is, "Business as usual."



Courtland Richards

Chris Hope

For the first time in more than a decade, the first snap of the season will go to a player who has never taken a snap. Redshirt freshman Chris Rix and converted wide receiver Anquan Boldin will carry their spring battle into two-a-day drills. "I was pleased with what I saw at quarterback (in the spring)," Bowden says. "They both showed that they could play and that was important."

6,783 FSU's graduated trio of QB Chris Weinke, tailback Travis Minor and receiver Marvin Minnis accounted for 6,783 total yards in 2000.

Rix, who has a slight edge, appears equally adept at both firing the downfield strike and taking off when the pocket collapses. Boldin reminds some of '93 Heisman winner Charlie Ward — with a stronger arm.

Early indications point to a replacement-by-committee approach to the void left by tailback Travis Minor. The Seminoles aren't short on bodies or talent at a position that figures to play a more prominent role.

The backfield trio of Davy Ford, Nick Maddox and Greg Jones provides an interesting contrast in abilities. Ford, who has overcome a pair of knee surgeries, is one of the fastest players in the program and a big-play threat. Maddox's slicing style and athletic ability bodes well as a third-down option. Jones, a 225-pounder with breakaway speed, is the prototype power back.

The Noles lost their top three pass catchers in Marvin Minnis, Minor (42) and Boldin (41), who is now at quarterback. That leaves senior flanker Atrews Bell, who turned 37 receptions into 10 touchdowns last season, as the most accomplished returnee. Robert Morgan, Talman Gardner and Javon Walker have flashed play-making signs, but all have been limited by injury.

Up front, split tackle Brett Williams, a third-year starter and All-ACC performer, is the lone returnee guaranteed a spot in the lineup. The most experienced candidates for the other spots are oft-injured tight guard Montrae Holland, who sat out the spring after knee surgery, and Otis Duhart, who split time with Holland last season. Center Antoine Mirambeau, one of the team's strongest players, will get his first start, as will guard Milford Brown, a talented junior college transfer. Todd Williams will get first crack at the tight tackle position.

Once the haven for future NFL defensive ends, FSU's defense has seen its strength shift to the interior, where tackle Darnell Dockett emerged as an All-ACC player after racking up a team-high 18 tackles for a loss. Jeff Womble and Travis Johnson promise to be effective sidekicks for the unblockable Dockett.

The defensive end position does not lack for talent, but is missing any marquee stars. Alonzo Jackson has been productive as the third end the last two seasons but will be challenged to emerge in a full-time role. Kevin Emanuel, a converted tackle, is back to the position where he earned high school All-America honors. No end had a more productive spring than O.J. Jackson, who may be best-suited as a pass-rush specialist.

Middle linebacker Bradley Jennings, who began to emerge as a leader last season, will be thrust into that role as the Noles break in two new starters. Kendyll Pope got his feet wet on the weak side last season and produced 52 stops, though few big plays. Michael Boulware, a lean, upright version of his brother Peter, gets the nod on the strong side.

Graduation stripped the secondary. Free safety Chris Hope, who racked up 83 tackles and eight pass breakups last season, will be charged with defensive quarterback duties. Strong safety Abdual Howard has been a career backup, though he is a fierce hitter with good closing instincts.

The corner positions will be manned by rail-thin Malcolm Tatum and Stanford Samuels, neither of whom has made a start.

Chance Gwaltney, one of three players who handled the kicking duties last season, will turn his full-time attention to the punting game. That leaves placekicking to either Brett Cimorelli or signee Xavier Beitia.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

SE	87	Robert Morgan (Sr., 3)	21	Talman Gardner (Jr., 2)
ST	**72**	**Brett Williams (Jr., 2)**	70	Alex Barron (Fr., 0)
SG	54	Milford Brown (Jr., 0)	51	Ron Boldin (Sr., 2)
C	52	Antoine Mirambeau (Jr., 2)	67	Josh Baggs (Jr., 0)
TG	**61**	**Montrae Holland (Jr., 2)**	74	Otis Duhart (Jr., 2)
TT	79	Todd Williams (Jr., 1)	77	Ray Willis (Fr., 0)
TE	88	Carver Donaldson (Sr., 3)	82	Patrick Hughes (Jr., 2)
QB	16	Chris Rix (Fr., 0)	**4**	**Anquan Boldin (Jr., 2)**
FB	**15**	**William McCray (Sr., 3)**	43	Randy Golightly (So., 1)
RB	22	Davy Ford (Sr., 3)	6	Greg Jones (So., 1)
FL	**26**	**Atrews Bell (Sr., 3)**	80	Javon Walker (Sr., 1)

Defense (4)

DE	90	Kevin Emanuel (So., 1)	94	O.J. Jackson (Jr., 2)
DT	**45**	**Darnell Dockett (So., 1)**	99	Travis Johnson (Fr., 0)
NG	**91**	**Jeff Womble (So., 1)**	97	Tony Benford (Jr., 2)
DE	48	Alonzo Jackson (Jr., 2)	59	Charles Howard (So., 1)
LB	9	Kendyll Pope (So., 1)	41	Lee Weaver (Jr., 2)
LB	**44**	**Bradley Jennings (Sr., 3)**	42	Jerel Hudson (Jr., 2)
LB	57	Michael Boulware (So., 1)	56	Ray Piquion (Fr., 0)
Rov	12	Abdual Howard (Sr., 3)	27	Claudius Osei (Fr., 0)
FS	**28**	**Chris Hope (Sr., 3)**	46	Gennaro Jackson (Sr., 2)
CB	3	Malcolm Tatum (Jr., 2)	8	Bryant McFadden (Fr., 0)
CB	10	Stanford Samuels (So., 1)	7	Rufus Brown (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	49	Brett Cimorelli (So., 1)
P	43	Chance Gwaltney (Jr., 1)
KR	4	Anquan Boldin (Jr., 2)
PR	20	Nick Maddox (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Bobby Bowden — **2000 Record (ACC): 11-2 (8-0)**
2001 Prediction: 1st ACC — **Doak Campbell Stadium (80,000)**

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Oklahoma Sooners

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History indicates that many teams have a tendency to become fat and happy after winning the national championship. Only six schools have ever won back-to-back titles.

But expect complacency from the Oklahoma Sooners, who shocked the nation last year by going 13–0 in Bob Stoops' second season. With a bevy of starters back, Stoops believes his Sooners are primed to make another run at the title. "There's no question that we are even hungrier this year," says Stoops, the 2000 national Coach of the Year. "Our kids have had a chance to taste what it's like to win it all. They want more of it."

Chris Covatta

Rocky Calmus

> **7** National championships won by Oklahoma in its history. Both Barry Switzer and Bud Wilkinson won three national championships while coaching at OU.

The record-setting catalyst of the Sooners' offense, Josh Heupel, is gone. But OU has three quarterback candidates — Nate Hybl, Jason White and Hunter Wall — and all of them probably have more raw talent than Heupel. The frontrunner is Hybl, a strong-armed junior who is taller, thicker, faster and stronger than Heupel. Hybl, who transferred to OU following the arrival of Quincy Carter at Georgia, completed 9-of-16 passes for 144 yards in limited action last year.

"Kids like (Heupel) don't come around often," Stoops says. "But I am very encouraged by our quarterbacks. These guys are way ahead of where Josh was when he first arrived here two years ago."

In Oklahoma's vernacular, the tailback is known as the "F" back. When diminutive Quentin Griffin (5'6") is in that spot, F could stand for fluid, fast or flashy. Griffin led OU with 783 rushing yards and 16 touchdowns last year. But if it's power the Sooners require, they have that option in Renaldo Works, who is at least six inches taller and roughly 20 pounds heavier than Griffin.

Whoever emerges as the starting quarterback for the Sooners will find an array of talented receivers at his disposal. In fact, every wide receiver who caught a pass last year returns. And obviously, there were plenty of passes being caught last season.

Senior Josh Norman and juniors Antwone Savage, Curtis Fagan, Damian Mackey and Andre Woolfolk combined for 197 receptions for 2,657 yards in 2000. Junior Trent Smith, who caught 31 passes and was one of the stars in the Big 12 title game, also returns at tight end.

Experienced depth appears to be a concern for the offensive front. But then again, that appeared to be a concern last year, and things ended up working out just fine. Left tackle Frank Romero is back as an All-America candidate following his dominating performance against FSU in the Orange Bowl. Guards Howard Duncan and Mike Skinner also return to the starting lineup. A primary concern is at center, where Josh Tucker is set to replace Bubba Burcham.

The defensive line features two talented returning starters — tackle Bary Holleyman and end Corey Heinecke. But perhaps the real difference-makers up front could be some newcomers to the lineup. Sophomore Dan Cody has excellent speed and could be a force at right end. And while sophomore Kory Klein started at tackle last season, redshirt freshman Jammal Brown could push either Klein or Holleyman out of the starting lineup.

Oklahoma returns one of the nation's best linebackers in Rocky Calmus, who recorded 125 tackles and earned All-America honors. OU also returns former starter Brandon Moore at outside linebacker. Moore, who played in only two games last season because of injuries, is once again healthy. In the middle, Jimmy Wilkerson, who played defensive end during the Orange Bowl, and sophomore Teddy Lehman look like a promising combination for years to come.

Oklahoma's defensive backfield is among the best in the Big 12, and with three starters and a part-time starter back, this year could be even better. The best of the bunch is probably strong safety Roy Williams, who runs like a deer but levels opponents like a John Deere. Another impressive defensive back is cornerback Derrick Strait, who earned all-conference honors as a freshman.

At the other corner, Michael Thompson is a solid returning starter, but he could be pushed for playing time by redshirt freshman Antonio Perkins and junior Terrance Sims. And at free safety, the Sooners return a proven performer in sophomore Brandon Everage.

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

SE	**6**	**Antwone Savage (Jr., 2)**	12	Curtis Fagan (Jr., 2)
FL	**17**	**Andre Woolfolk (Jr., 2)**	4	Jarvis Smith (So., 0)
TE	**88**	**Trent Smith (Jr., 2)**	86	Lance Donley (So., 1)
LT	**63**	**Frank Romero (Sr., 3)**	65	Will Mathis (Sr., 1)
LG	**68**	**Howard Duncan (Sr., 1)**	77	Josh Smith (Jr., 1)
C	61	Josh Tucker (So., 1)	77	Josh Smith (Jr., 1)
RG	**75**	**Mike Skinner (Jr., 2)**	78	Cliff Takawana (Fr., 0)
RT	60	Wes Sims (Fr., 0)	72	Clint Werth (Jr., 0)
QB	8	Nate Hybl (Jr., 1)	18	Jason White (So., 1)
TB	**22**	**Quentin Griffin (Jr., 2)**	47	Renaldo Works (So., 1)
SB	**3**	**Josh Norman (Sr., 3)**	13	Damian Mackey (Jr., 2)

Defense (6)

DE	**89**	**Corey Heinecke (Sr., 2)**	87	Marcus Chretien (Sr, 1)
DT	**99**	**Bary Holleyman (Sr., 3)**	55	Jammal Brown (Fr., 0)
DT	93	Kory Klein (So., 1)	74	Juan Prishker (Jr., 0)
DE	80	Dan Cody (So., 1)	53	Eric Thunander (Jr., 2)
LB	46	Brandon Moore (Sr., 3)	50	Brian Jimerson (So., 1)
LB	54	Teddy Lehman (So., 1)	45	Jimmy Wilkerson (So., 1)
LB	**20**	**Rocky Calmus (Sr., 3)**	45	Jimmy Wilkerson (So., 1)
CB	**19**	**Michael Thompson (Jr., 2)**	16	Moses Washington (Jr., 0)
CB	**2**	**Derrick Strait (So., 1)**	1	Terrance Sims (Jr., 0)
SS	**38**	**Roy Williams (Jr., 2)**	34	Matt McCoy (So., 1)
FS	7	Brandon Everage (So., 1)	25	Darren Stephens (Fr., 0)

Special Teams

K	40	Tim Duncan (Sr., 2)
P	83	Jeff Ferguson (Sr., 3)
KR	6	Antwone Savage (Jr., 2)
PR	3	Josh Norman (Sr., 3)

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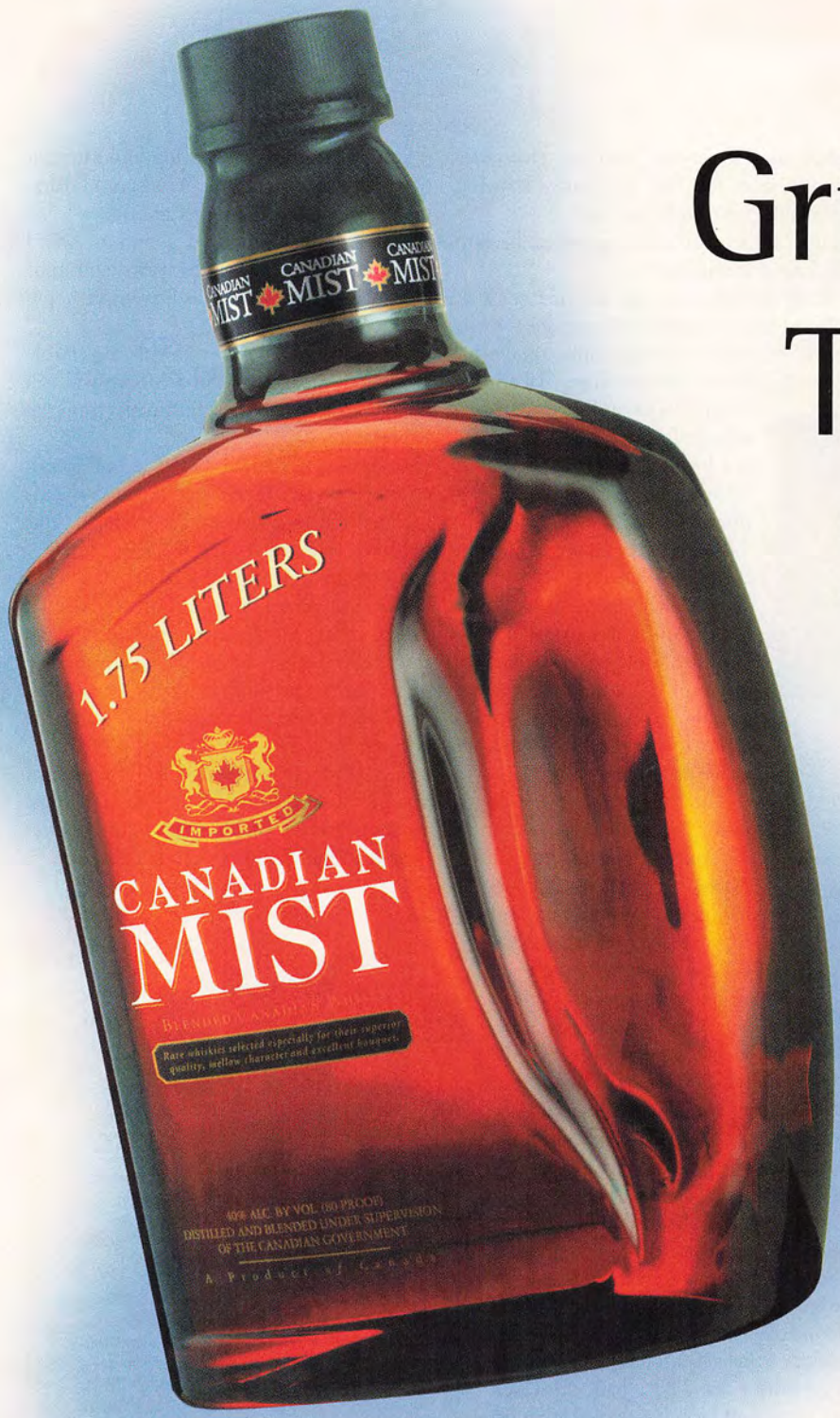
Head Coach: Bob Stoops **2000 Record (Big 12): 13–0 (8–0)**
2001 Prediction: 1st Big 12 South **Memorial Stadium (72,765)**



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Tennessee Volunteers

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It might not be realistic for Tennessee to be talking about a national championship, but that hasn't stopped the Volunteers' players or fans.

"Nothing has changed around here," says Phillip Fulmer, who's beginning his 10th season as Tennessee's head coach. "The expectations are high, like they've always been."

A bumpy schedule includes road trips to Arkansas, Florida, Alabama and Notre Dame — four of the 10 programs to beat Tennessee in the 1990s.

Tim Clark/Athlon Sports

John Henderson

But quarterback Casey Clausen remains intent on a New Year's homecoming game. "Our expectations are to win the SEC East and go to Pasadena," says Clausen, who grew up in the San Fernando Valley, minutes from the Rose Bowl. "We'll find out how realistic those expectations are in the first month of the season."

.824 Phillip Fulmer's winning percentage through nine seasons as the Vols' head man is tops among active head coaches. UT is 84–18 since Fulmer replaced Johnny Majors in 1992.

Clausen expects bigger and better things from himself after posting a 145.5 pass efficiency rating that ranked 11th in the nation. Clausen is a prototypical dropback passer with great field vision and a strong arm. The comparisons to Peyton Manning grew after Clausen won his first six starts, showing remarkable poise under pressure.

Joey Mathews is a strong-armed backup who knows the offense.

Travis Stephens will get the first crack at replacing UT's all-time leading rusher, Travis Henry. Stephens will likely split time with incoming *Parade* All-Americans Jabari "J-Train" Davis and Cedric Houston. Fullback Will Bartholomew is a bruising blocker, while Troy Fleming is more of a receiving threat.

Fulmer says Donté Stallworth is the most talented Vol receiver since Carl Pickens. Eric Parker has the quickness to make tacklers miss, while Bobby Graham is more of a possession receiver. Leonard Scott, a track All-American, gives the Vols another viable deep threat.

The Vols are counting on an immediate contribution from at least one of three incoming freshman receivers: Michael Collins, Jomo Fagan and Montrell Jones, the 2000 Kentucky Player of the Year.

The swagger is back on the Big Orange offensive line. Fred Weary, who missed the majority of the 2000 season with an ankle injury, returns to anchor the line from the left guard position. Left tackle Anthony Herrera has the quickest feet of the Vols' linemen. Reggie Coleman slides from left to right tackle. Coleman allowed only two sacks last season.

Scott Wells returns at center, where he's battling to hold off Jason Respert. Will Ofenheusle has secured the right guard position. Michael Muñoz, a Freshman All-American in 2000, had off-season knee surgery and is not expected to return in time for the start of the season. In fact, his career may be in jeopardy.

Outland Trophy winner John Henderson and All-SEC end Will Overstreet are the cornerstones of a defensive unit that ranked No. 3 in the nation against the run. Henderson had 12 of the team's school-record 50 sacks last season.

Tackle Albert Haynesworth joins a spirited battle with incumbent Ed Kendrick and Rashad Moore for the starting spot alongside Henderson.

At left end, Bernard Jackson looks to split time with Omari Hand. Constantin Ritzmann gives the Vols another option.

Tennessee has produced a Butkus Award semifinalist four consecutive years, and middle linebacker Dominique Stevenson hopes to extend that streak.

Kevin Burnett gives the Vols a versatile weak-side linebacker. Eddie Moore will call the plays and make the adjustments from the strong side.

Andre Lott bypassed the NFL on the condition he is moved back to corner after spending last season at safety. He's one of four returning starters in this unit. The corner spot opposite of Lott is up for grabs between Teddy Gaines and Jabari Greer. Willie Miles missed spring practice after undergoing wrist surgery. Rashad Baker has shown a great deal of improvement at free safety. The strong safety spot could remain in limbo up to the opening kickoff.

Alex Walls is a returning Lou Groza Award finalist who converted 18-of-20 field goal attempts and 39-of-39 extra points. Punter Dustin Colquitt replaces David Leaverton.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR	4	Donté Stallworth (Jr., 2)	11	Bobby Graham (Sr., 2)
LT	**75**	**Anthony Herrera (Jr.,1)**	59	Victor McClure (Fr., 0)
LG	70	Fred Weary (Sr., 3)	55	Terriea Smalls (So., 0)
C	**64**	**Scott Wells (So., 1)**	63	Jason Respert (So., 1)
RG	73	Will Ofenheusle (Jr., 2)	60	Chavis Smith (So., 1)
RT	**71**	**Reggie Coleman (Sr., 2)**	66	Sean Young (So., 1)
TE	**96**	**John Finlayson (Sr., 3)**	1	Jason Witten (So., 1)
QB	**7**	**Casey Clausen (So., 1)**	8	Joey Mathews (Jr., 2)
FB	**45**	**Will Bartholomew (Sr., 3)**	27	Troy Fleming (So., 1)
TB	34	Travis Stephens (Sr., 3)	23	Corey Larkins (Fr., 0)
WR	**80**	**Eric Parker (Sr., 3)**	26	Leonard Scott (Jr., 2)

Defense (8)

LE	56	Bernard Jackson (Sr., 3)	91	Omari Hand (Jr., 2)
LT	**98**	**John Henderson (Sr., 2)**	58	Rashad Moore (Jr., 2)
RT	92	Albert Haynesworth (Jr., 2)	**93**	**Edward Kendrick (Jr., 2)**
RE	**90**	**Will Overstreet (Sr., 3)**	6	Constantin Ritzmann (Jr., 2)
LB	37	Eddie Moore (Jr., 2)	25	Tony Campbell (So., 1)
LB	**28**	**Dominique Stevenson (Sr., 3)**	41	Robert Peace (So., 1)
LB	2	Kevin Burnett (So., 1)	46	Karlton Neal (Fr., 0)
LC	**30**	**Andre Lott (Sr., 3)**	**3**	**Willie Miles (Sr., 3)**
SS	9	Steven Marsh (Jr., 2)	10	Mark Jones (So., 1)
FS	**16**	**Rashad Baker (So., 1)**	13	Tad Golden (Sr., 3)
RC	**12**	**Teddy Gaines (Sr., 3)**	33	Jabari Greer (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	19	Alex Walls (Jr., 2)
P	40	Dustin Colquitt (Fr., 0)
KR	26	Leonard Scott (Jr., 2)
PR	80	Eric Parker (Sr., 3)

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2001 Prediction: 2nd SEC East — **Neyland Stadium (104,079)**

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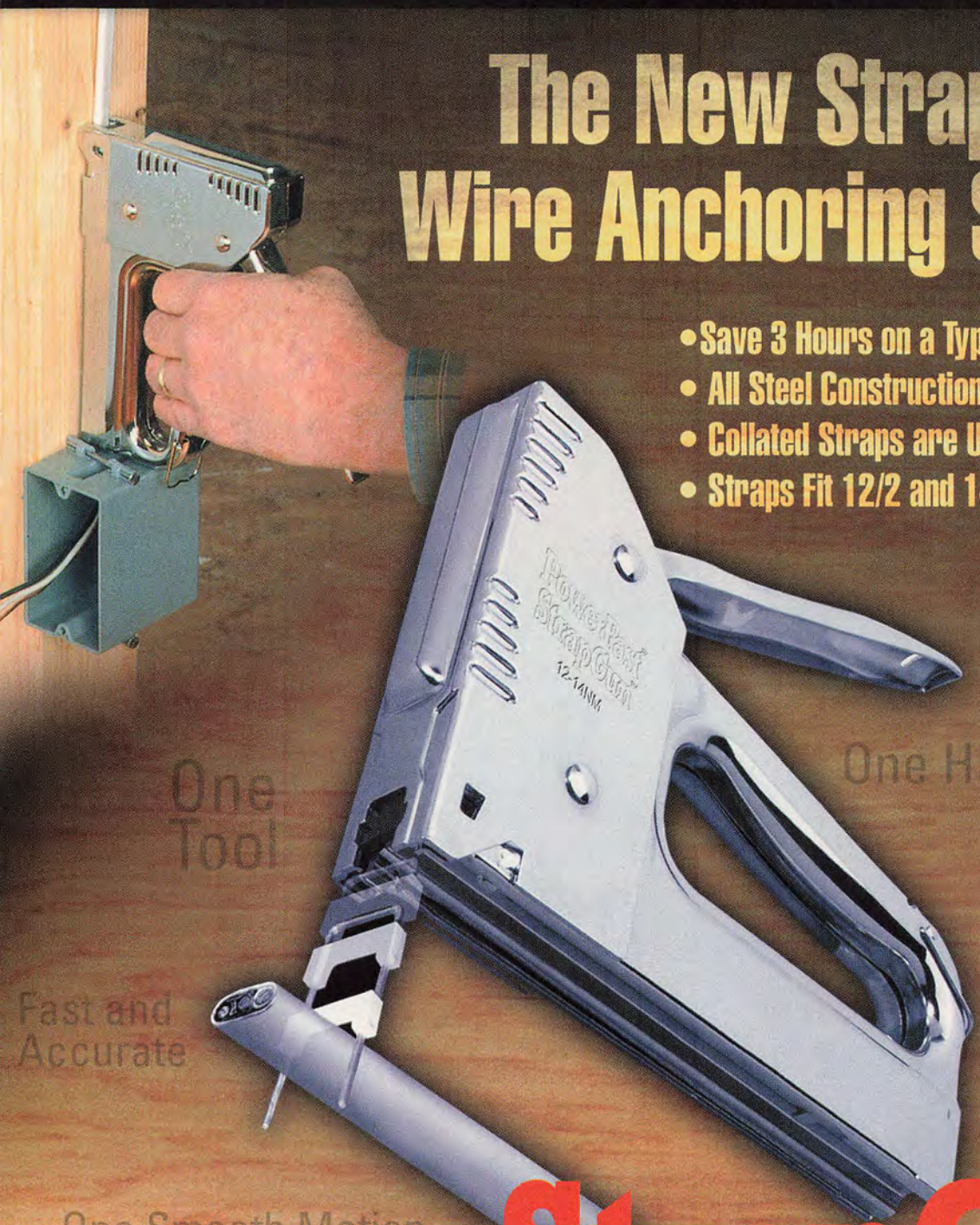

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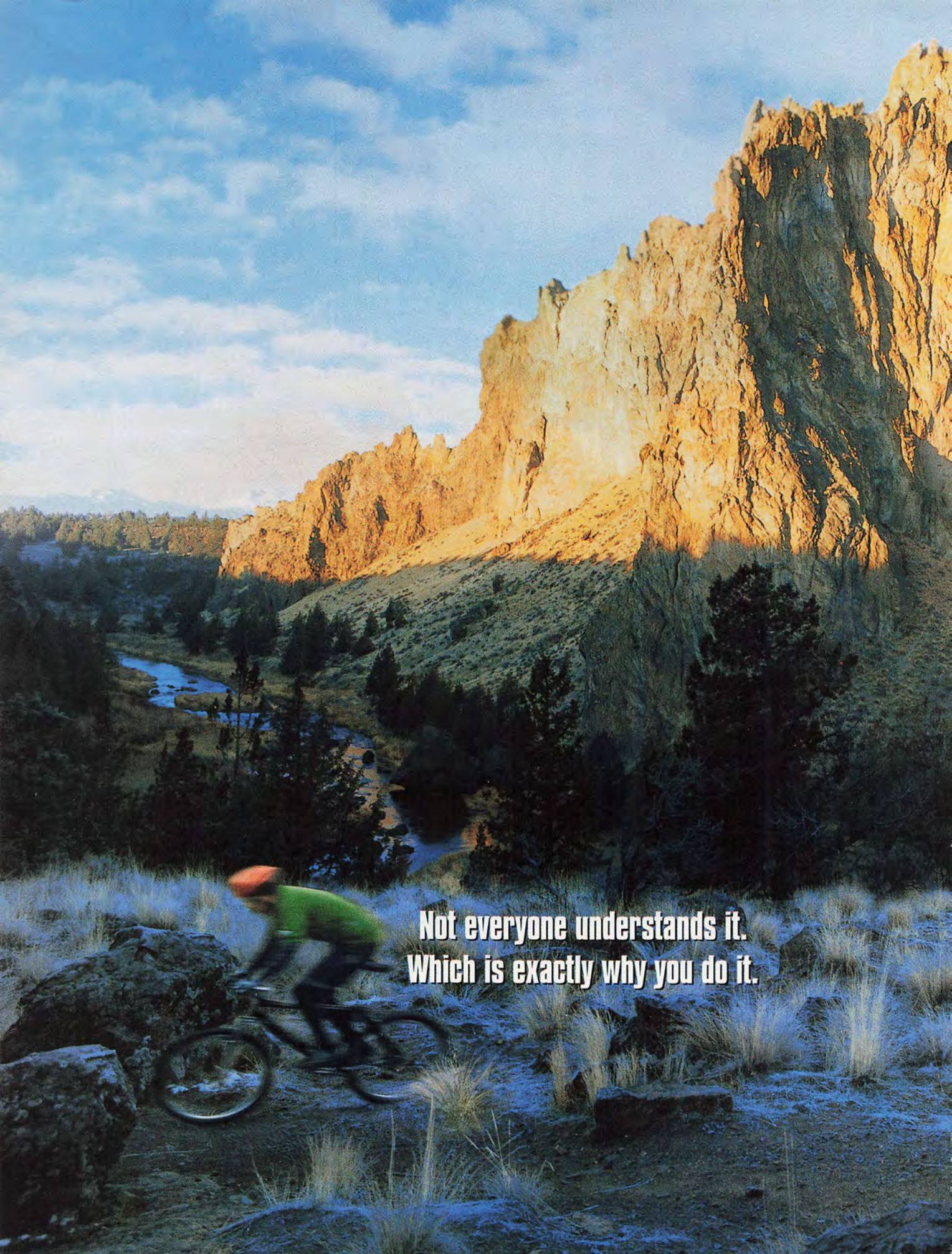
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Michigan Wolverines

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The post-Drew Henson era at Michigan is starting a year earlier than planned. And his departure just so happens to coincide with the Wolverines' need to replace four starters on the offensive line, their all-time leading rusher and an NFL-bound receiver who left a year early.

"We lost tremendous players, and you don't replace guys like that overnight," Michigan coach Lloyd Carr says.

Matt Brown

Victor Hobson

Henson was to return as the Wolverines' starting quarterback and was projected to be a Heisman Trophy contender, but instead followed his heart to baseball. He decided in March to accept an offer from the New York Yankees and give up football for good.

26 Michigan's current bowl streak, which ranks second only to Nebraska's 27 consecutive bowl appearances.

And the moment Henson signed the Yankees' contract, sophomore John Navarre became Michigan's starting quarterback. Navarre is a 6'6" dropback passer in the Michigan mold, and what he lacks in mobility he makes up for with a strong arm and excellent accuracy.

Navarre stepped in to start the first four games last year when Henson was sidelined with a broken right foot. For the season, he completed 40-of-77 passes for 583 yards, threw eight touchdowns and one interception.

Anthony Thomas, the program's all-time leading rusher, is gone and his workhorse production will be missed. But sophomore Chris Perry is bigger and faster than Thomas and is considered something special. Perry, who rushed for 417 yards last season, will be the starter with Walter Cross and Ryan Beard as the backups.

All-America receiver David Terrell left for the NFL with a year of eligibility remaining, and the Wolverines will sorely miss his brilliant pass-catching ability. Still, this is a position of depth. Marquise Walker and Ronald Bellamy, underused last season, are the returning veterans, but Zia Combs, Brent Cummings and Calvin Bell are speedy underclassmen who also will get a shot.

The offensive line is a major rebuilding project for the Wolverines. They return only one starter, Jonathan Goodwin, from a line that produced two NFL first-round picks. Goodwin missed spring practice with a minor shoulder injury, but he is expected to start the season at center and could very well switch to right guard.

Tony Pape and Demeterius Solomon, a pair of 300-pounders who lettered as freshmen last year, will start at the tackles. Ben Mast and Joe Denay are the guards, and expect to see Dave Petruziello, who switched from the defensive line before spring practice, work in at guard also.

With defensive tackle Jake Frysinger lost to a foot injury and nose tackle Eric Wilson out four games with injury, the line struggled last year. Wilson has graduated but Frysinger is back for his final year, and Carr says he sees a much stronger, more physical front.

Grant Bowman or Norman Heuer will start at nose tackle. Frysinger and Shawn Lazarus will split time at tackle, as will Dan Rumishek and Alain Kashama at end. Larry Stevens will start at rush end.

Michigan has produced solid linebackers the last five seasons, and this fall will be no different. The Wolverines have a veteran crew with defensive leader Larry Foote and Eric Brackins starting inside and Victor Hobson starting outside. Foote, Hobson and Brackins were among the top five on the team in tackles last season, with Foote finishing second overall with 84.

The secondary has been considered a weakness the last two seasons, but look for serious improvement this fall. Cornerback Jeremy LeSueur, who missed most of the 1999 season with a knee injury, started two games last season and is now back to full strength. LeSueur will start at one corner opposite Todd Howard, who had a team-high six interceptions last year, although Markus Curry and Brandon Williams could challenge for the starting job.

Julius Curry will start at strong safety and likely will be backed up by freshman Ernest Shazor, considered among the best defensive backs coming out of high school this year. Cato June, who missed last season with a knee injury, could start at free safety, but converted tailback Charles Drake might have the edge when the season begins.

Hayden Epstein handles all of the punting and kicking duties and is one of the top specialists in the nation.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR	4	**Marquise Walker (Sr., 3)**	31	Zia Combs (Fr.,0)
LT	77	Tony Pape (So., 1)	64	Jeff Gaston (Fr., 0)
LG	72	Ben Mast (Sr., 2)	75	David Baas (Fr., 0)
C	**78**	**Jonathan Goodwin (Sr., 2)**	71	Kurt Anderson (Sr., 1)
RG	73	Joe Denay (Jr. 1)	76	Dave Petruziello (Jr., 2)
RT	74	Demeterius Solomon (So., 1)	62	Courtney Morgan (So., 0)
TE	84	Shawn Thompson (Sr., 3)	**81**	**Bill Seymour (Sr., 3)**
WR	**19**	**Ronald Bellamy (Jr., 2)**	27	Calvin Bell (So., 1)
QB	16	John Navarre (So. 1)	18	Jermaine Gonzales (Fr., 0)
FB	**35**	**B.J. Askew (Jr. 2)**	44	Dave Armstrong (Jr., 1)
TB	23	Chris Perry (So. 1)	8	Walter Cross (Sr. 3)

Defense (8)

E	**92**	**Dan Rumishek (Jr. 2)**	95	Alain Kashama (So., 1)
NT	**60**	**Grant Bowman (So., 1)**	90	Norman Heuer (So., 1)
T	99	Jake Frysinger (Sr., 4)	**97**	**Shawn Lazarus (Jr. 2)**
RE	13	Larry Stevens (So., 1)	39	Evan Coleman (Sr. 3)
OLB	**6**	**Victor Hobson (Jr. 2)**	91	Emmanuel Casseus (So., 1)
ILB	**51**	**Eric Brackins (Sr. 3)**	43	Carl Diggs (So. 1)
ILB	**17**	**Larry Foote (Sr. 3)**	28	Anthony Jordan (Sr. 3)
LC	**3**	**Todd Howard (Sr. 3)**	30	Markus Curry (Fr., 0)
RC	21	Jeremy LeSueur (So. 1)	12	Brandon Williams (Jr. 2)
SS	**26**	**Julius Curry (Jr. 2)**		Ernest Shazor (Fr., 0)
FS	24	Charles Drake (Jr. 2)	2	Cato June (Jr. 1)

Special Teams

K	25	Hayden Epstein (Sr., 3)
P	25	Hayden Epstein (Sr., 3)
KR	8	Walter Cross (Sr. 3)
PR	19	Ronald Bellamy (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Lloyd Carr — **2000 Record (Big Ten): 9–3 (6–2)**
2001 Prediction: 1st Big Ten — **Michigan Stadium (107,501)**

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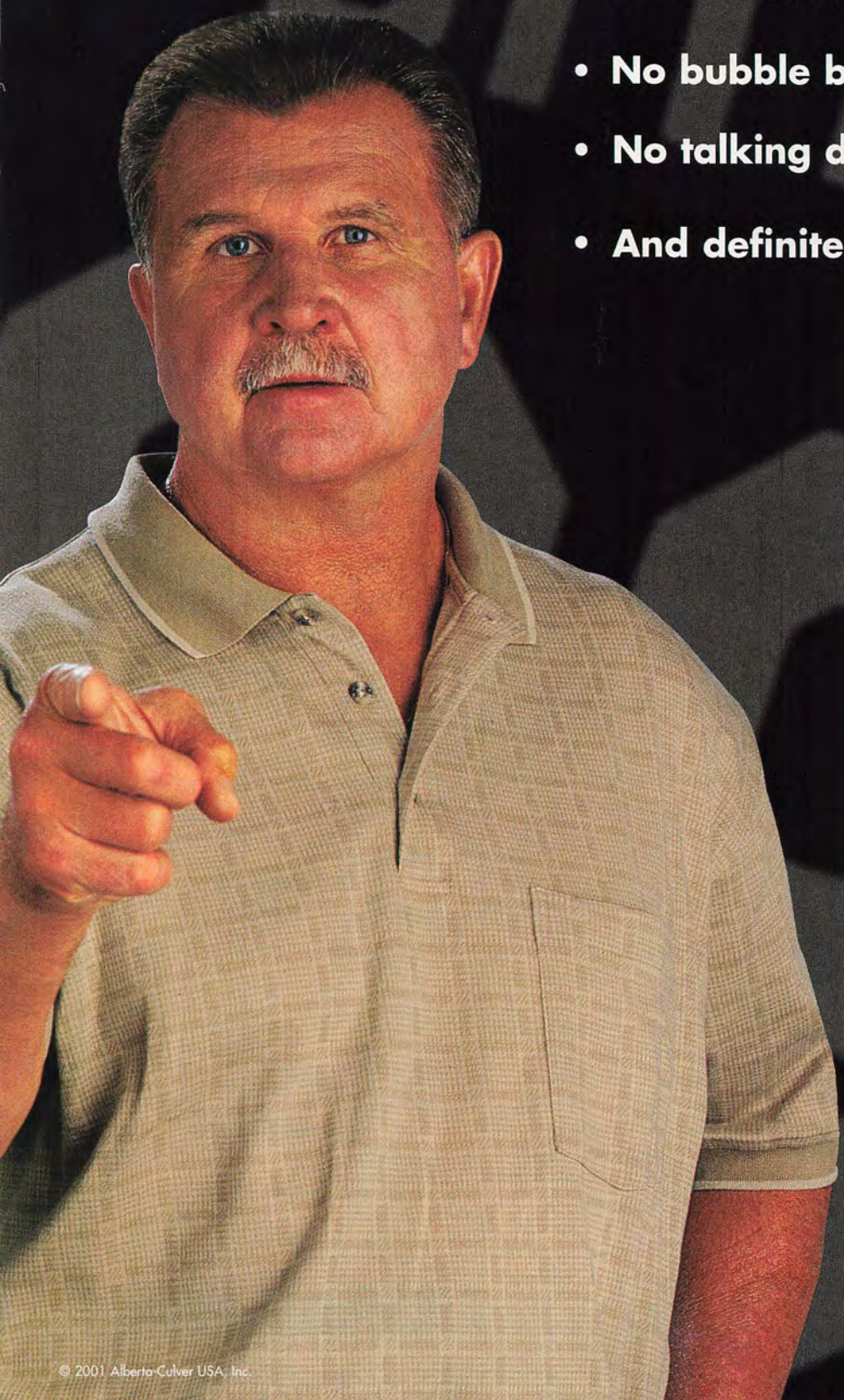

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Oregon Ducks

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Expectations are high in Eugene this year. Coach Mike Bellotti doesn't run from the spotlight, as long as his players keep it in perspective. "I tell my players that the only poll that counts is the last one."

The Ducks are optimistic, but there are concerns. The offense is potent, but the Ducks need to reload the front seven on defense and break in a new kicker and punter.

Peter Brouillet

Joey Harrington

Joey Harrington is perhaps the best QB in the Pac-10. In his senior season, Harrington should get his due as one of the best in the country. What Harrington does is win games. In the past two seasons, the Ducks are 16–2 with Harrington at the helm. "Joey presents the total package in terms of physical ability and leadership and excitement and enthusiasm, and there are no negatives," Bellotti says.

> **8** Oregon's streak of home victories, a school record and the second-longest current home streak in the nation.

At some schools, a back who rushed for 1,106 yards and eight touchdowns on 260 carries would get the football even more. At Oregon, senior tailback Maurice Morris might get it less. It isn't that the Ducks weren't thrilled with his junior season. But there's a challenge from Onterrio Smith, a Tennessee transfer who wowed the scout team last season.

Smith will get his touches, and the Ducks spent part of the spring looking at Morris and Smith in the backfield together.

Neither a burner nor a bruiser, junior wide receiver Keenan Howry is simply a consummate playmaker. He's rock-solid, and Oregon's target-of-choice on third-and-long, or fourth-and-ballgame. The Ducks expect to identify a receiver to start opposite Howry during preseason. The early favorite is Jason Willis. The former walk-on has improved his speed to go with soft hands. The tight end is senior Justin Peelle, a strong blocker and ever-improving receiver.

The Oregon offensive linemen never get that much respect, nor hype. What they do is get the job done, whether opening holes for 1,000-yard rushers or protecting the quarterback, to the tune of the fewest sacks allowed in the Pac-10 last season.

The Ducks will move some of the pieces around until the best five are playing. So pencil in Ryan Schmid, one of Oregon's leaders, at center or left guard, and expect to see Jim Adams, cited as the Ducks' best lineman a year ago, back at left tackle, unless he lines up at guard. Joey Forster returns at right guard, and experienced Josh Jones and Corey Chambers will be in the mix, along with Mike Belisle and Phil Finzer, who will get long looks as starting tackles.

Oregon fans are going to need a program to identify the new key players on the defensive line and in the linebacking corps. Seth McEwen, who made seven starts at end a year ago, and tackle Zack Freiter, whose career has been haunted by injuries, have experience. Backups Ed Wangler and Quinn Dorsey have waited their turn.

The Ducks are waiting for fall camp for all the pieces to the puzzle to arrive — primarily, JC transfers Junior Siavii, a 6'5", 335-pound tackle, and Darrell Wright, a defensive end. Oregon also welcomes in a half-dozen freshman defensive linemen, meaning the D-line could spend September simply getting settled.

Kevin Mitchell, who plays bigger than he is, and Garret Graham will battle for the inside linebacker position. The middle linebacker could be David Moretti, Erik Nicolaisen or Ryan Loftin, back from a two-year church mission. At outside linebacker, the leading candidate is a fast, hard-hitting athlete who was seemingly born to be a Duck, Wesly Mallard.

The key to Oregon's best defenses in the mid-1990s was a cover corner who could take the other team's top receiver. The Ducks have that kind of player again in Rashad Bauman. Bauman isn't big, but he has speed and always seems to be in the perfect position; he's also a strong tackler. Thankfully, there's a talented corner opposite Bauman in Steve Smith.

At free safety, Rasuli Webster was also solid last season, his first as a full-time starter. There's the possibility that Webster could move to rover, to create a role for Keith Lewis.

Everybody who puts foot to ball in the fall will be doing so for the first time as a Duck. The punter is expected to be JC transfer Jose Arroyo. The candidates to kick are true freshman Jared Siegel, coming off foot surgery, JC transfer Navid Niakan, and David Rosenberg.

At least the Ducks won't have big worries when the other team kicks. Howry is a dependable punt returner and Allan Amundson is a dangerous kick returner.

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR	8	Jason Willis (Jr., 2)	4	Samie Parker (So., 1)
LT	75	Corey Chambers (Jr., 2)	71	Jim Adams (Sr., 3)
LG	**71**	**Jim Adams (Sr., 3)**	67	Ryan Schmid (Sr., 3)
C	**67**	**Ryan Schmid (Sr., 3)**	63	Dan Weaver (So., 1)
RG	**60**	**Joey Forster (So., 1)**	57	Josh Jones (Jr., 1)
RT	73	Phil Finzer (Jr., 0)	58	Mike Belisle (Jr., 0)
TE	**84**	**Justin Peelle (Sr., 3)**	81	George Wrighster (So., 1)
WR	**15**	**Keenan Howry (Jr., 2)**	83	Cy Aleman (Jr., 1)
QB	**3**	**Joey Harrington (Sr., 2)**	12	Jason Fife (So., 0)
FB	**47**	**Josh Line (Sr., 2)**	41	Josh Rogers (So., 1)
TB	**9**	**Maurice Morris (Sr., 1)**	2	Onterrio Smith (So., 0)

Defense (4)

LE	**43**	**Seth McEwan (Jr., 2)**	55	Ed Wangler (Jr., 0)
DT	54	Zack Freiter (Sr., 3)		Junior Siavii (Jr., 0)
DT	53	Igor Olshansky (Fr., 0)	96	Chris Tetterton (Sr., 0)
RE	30	Quinn Dorsey (Jr., 1)		Darrell Wright (Jr., 0)
LB	39	Kevin Mitchell (So., 1)	42	Garret Graham (Jr., 1)
LB	44	David Moretti (Jr., 1)	45	Erik Nicolaisen (Jr., 0)
LB	18	Wesly Mallard (Sr., 3)	21	David Martin (Jr., 0)
Rov	16	Keith Lewis (So., 1)	23	Gary McGraw (Sr., 0)
FS	**22**	**Rasuli Webster (Jr., 2)**	16	Keith Lewis (So., 1)
CB	**17**	**Rashad Bauman (Sr., 3)**	11	Charles Favroth (Fr., 0)
CB	**6**	**Steve Smith (Sr., 3)**	5	A.K. Keyes (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	31	David Rosenburg (Jr., 0)
P	38	Jose Arroyo (Jr., 0)
KR	34	Allan Amundson (Jr., 2)
PR	15	Keenan Howry (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Mike Bellotti — **2000 Record (Pac-10): 10–2 (7–1)**
2001 Prediction: 1st Pac-10 — **Autzen Stadium (41,698)**

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Miami Hurricanes

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Most coaching changes are followed by rebuilding. At Miami, Butch Davis' departure could be followed by a national championship.

Davis bolted for the Cleveland Browns after the Canes completed an 11–1 season. With less than a week remaining before national signing day, Miami athletic director Paul Dee replaced Davis with offensive coordinator Larry Coker.

Allen Kee

Ken Dorsey

"Maybe it's luck or timing," says Coker. "But, I don't think anything's an accident. Sometimes, things are meant to happen."

Coker's defense, anchored by All-America strong safety Edward Reed, has eight starters back. The offense, led by junior quarterback Ken Dorsey, could be explosive, especially if reliable replacements are found for receivers Santana Moss and Reggie Wayne.

5:1 Ken Dorsey's career touchdown-to-interception ratio. Not one of Dorsey's predecessors at Quarterback U. has come near that.

Dorsey's most impressive stat: In his 15 career starts, Miami has won 14 games. He has a quick release that frustrates pass rushers, but his greatest strengths are poise and decision-making; he has only seven interceptions in 442 passing attempts. But as good as he has been, he may have to be even better this season with an entirely new cast at wide receiver.

Last season's strength is this season's question mark, as the six wide receivers on the team's roster have combined for 47 career receptions. Daryl Jones, who resembles Moss in size and speed, has 40 of those catches. He is assured of a starting job along with Andre Johnson, a tall burner who has drawn comparisons to Michael Irvin. "He could be our difference-maker," Coker says of Johnson.

The emphasis in Miami's passing game may fall on junior tight end Jeremy Shockey, an outstanding receiver who has impressed with his willingness to play hurt.

After waiting patiently for two seasons, junior Clinton Portis finally gets his chance to be the every-down tailback. No one in the Hurricanes' backfield has more big-play ability. He averaged 6.3 yards on 77 carries in 2000. Portis' backup, redshirt freshman Willis McGahee, may be the most physically talented runner on the roster. Senior Najeh Davenport isn't your classic fullback. Primarily a tailback in his first three seasons, Davenport is a rare combination of size and sprinter's speed.

Four of five starters return on the offensive line, including tackles Bryant McKinnie and All-American Joaquin Gonzalez, neither of whom allowed a sack during the 2000 regular season. Center Brett Romberg and guard Martin Bibla are solid run blockers.

It's been awhile since the Hurricanes have had a dominating defensive lineman, and that likely won't change. Three starters return on the line, including ends Cornelius Green and Jamaal Green. Jamaal tied for the team lead in sacks with only four, a number he will have to increase.

Junior tackle William Joseph made a successful switch from end last season and is the team's best run stopper. Junior tackle Matt Walters started three games and takes over full time on the right side.

All eyes will be on middle linebacker Jonathan Vilma, the replacement for Butkus Award winner Dan Morgan. Vilma played plenty as a freshman but missed all of spring with a knee injury.

D.J. Williams, the former starting fullback, has switched to defense and will battle incumbent starter Howard Clark for the weak-side linebacker job. Strong-side linebacker Chris Campbell is the front seven's most experienced player.

There may be no better secondary in the country than the one at Miami. The duo of starting cornerbacks Mike Rumph and Phillip Buchanon is certainly without equal. Rumph is a big, physical player who can manhandle receivers at the line of scrimmage. Buchanon is not nearly as big, but he has amazing closing speed and a penchant for big plays.

Reed combines a coach's sense on the field with great athletic ability. Of the Canes' 23 interceptions last year, Reed picked off eight, and he's just as effective against the run. James Lewis saw action in all 11 games last season and has inherited the free safety job.

Freddie Capshaw led the Big East in punting with a 43.2-yard average and hasn't had a punt blocked in two years. Kicker Todd Sievers was diagnosed with diabetes but managed to hit on 11-of-17 field goal tries. Despite the loss of Moss, the return game remains dangerous with Jones, who averaged 24.1 yards on seven punt returns. Johnson is slated to return kickoffs.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

SE	5 Andre Johnson (So., 1)	7 Ethenic Sands (Jr., 2)
LT	**78 Bryant McKinnie (Sr., 1)**	76 Carlos Joseph (Fr., 0)
LG	74 Sherko Haji-Rasouli ((Jr., 2)	72 Ed Wilkins (Jr., 2)
C	**66 Brett Romberg (Jr., 2)**	63 Scott Puckett (Sr., 3)
RG	**65 Martin Bibla (Sr., 3)**	60 Vernon Carey (So., 1)
RT	**73 Joaquin Gonzalez (Sr., 3)**	68 Joe Fantigrassi (Jr., 2)
TE	88 Jeremy Shockey (Jr., 1)	80 Robert Williams (Sr., 2)
QB	**11 Ken Dorsey (Jr., 2)**	18 Derrick Crudup (Fr., 0)
FB	4 Najeh Davenport (Sr., 3)	40 Kyle Cobia (Fr., 0)
RB	28 Clinton Portis (Jr., 2)	2 Willis McGahee (Fr., 0)
FL	1 Daryl Jones (Sr., 3)	9 Kevin Beard (So., 0)

Defense (8)

DE	**98 Cornelius Green (Sr., 1)**	95 Jerome McDougle (Jr., 0)
DT	**94 William Joseph (Jr., 2)**	56 Santonio Thomas (Fr., 0)
DT	91 Matt Walters (Jr., 2)	75 Vince Wilfork (Fr., 0)
DE	**55 Jamaal Green (Jr., 2)**	99 Andrew Williams (Jr., 0)
LB	**45 Howard Clark (Jr., 2)**	17 D.J. Williams (So., 1)
LB	51 Jonathan Vilma (So., 1)	49 Darrell McClover (Fr., 0)
LB	**48 Chris Campbell (Sr., 3)**	57 Jarrell Weaver (So., 1)
SS	**20 Edward Reed (Sr., 3)**	29 James Scott (Jr., 2)
FS	23 James Lewis (Sr., 3)	36 Maurice Sikes (So., 1)
CB	**8 Mike Rumph (Sr., 3)**	43 Alfonso Marshall (So., 1)
CB	**31 Phillip Buchanon (Jr., 2)**	27Markese Fitzgerald (Sr., 3)

Special Teams

K	16 Todd Sievers (Jr., 2)
P	13 Freddie Capshaw (Jr., 2)
KR	5 Andre Johnson (So., 1)
PR	1 Daryl Jones (Sr., 3)

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Head Coach: Larry Coker **2000 Record (Big East): 11–1 (7–0)**
2001 Prediction: 2nd Big East **Orange Bowl (72,319)**

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UCLA Bruins

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The Bruins are brimming again. Three years after their last championship run, UCLA returns 14 starters, a revamped coaching staff and a candidate for every major college football award. But these Bruins, who went 4–7 in 1999 and 6–6 last season, are eyeing a larger trophy. With the national championship to be played in Pasadena, UCLA is dreaming of an extra home game.

Peter Brouillet

DeShaun Foster

"When you look at it," UCLA senior linebacker Ryan Nece says, "this is the season."

If injury-prone QB Cory Paus can stay healthy, he might validate all the comparisons to former Bruin Cade McNown. Paus does not have the speed or arm strength of McNown, but he possesses similar field vision and leadership skills. And he's not afraid to play hurt. "It's so important that he's healthy," UCLA coach Bob Toledo says. "I believe you've got to play with one quarterback."

> **11** That's how many experienced defensive linemen UCLA will carry into this season.

If Paus goes down, Ryan McCann realizes the stakes — he rallied UCLA to upsets over Alabama and Michigan last season.

Tailback DeShaun Foster, known for stiff-arms and speed, could turn a corner this season. Foster is touted as a candidate for the Heisman Trophy — but he has to keep himself in one piece. When healthy, he is the prototype NFL back and can take on tacklers, reverse field and finish long runs. Fullback Ed Ieremia-Stansbury, who converted from quarterback and linebacker, has finally found his place blocking for Foster. Akil Harris filled in capably for Foster last season and Manuel White is the first bruising back to play for UCLA in the past few years.

Receiver Freddie Mitchell left for the NFL, but Brian Poli-Dixon is ready to assume a starring role. The 6'5" Poli-Dixon, remarkably fast for his size, will be an easy target. With Poli-Dixon drawing double teams, the Bruins will need a capable complement — either speedy redshirt freshman Craig Bragg or sturdy sophomore Tab Perry. A better option for Paus might be UCLA's tight ends — Bryan Fletcher and Mike Seidman.

Along the offensive front, UCLA returns Bryce Bohlander, Troy Danoff and Mike Saffer from a veteran group that disappointed last year. If they are a year better, the Bruins should manhandle the Pac-10. But if trouble persists, UCLA will turn to Paul Mociler, who might be the team's top prospect.

Hardly known for defensive depth, UCLA has beefed up the front four. Senior defensive end Kenyon Coleman, who redshirted last season and is a candidate for postseason honors, might be the only lineman who's locked up a job. "Our defensive line is very deep," Toledo says. "They've all played because of injuries. Now they're bigger and stronger."

Sophomore Rodney Leisle and senior Anthony Fletcher are the top returning run-stuffers, while junior Rusty Williams goes after the quarterback with the Ball brothers, Mat and Dave.

This season, with new coordinator Phil Snow, Bruin ends will be expected to go after the passer and make more big plays.

When Snow came to UCLA from Arizona State, his first job was re-recruiting middle linebacker Robert Thomas, who was considering the NFL. Thomas is back, hoping to win the Butkus Award while anchoring a linebacking corps expecting to improve. Although Thomas often went to the sideline in passing situations last season, the Bruins will use fewer nickel and dime packages this year. UCLA is trying to find a spot for speedy Marcus Reese, a top run pursuer.

After off-season surgery on both shoulders, Nece will return to his starting position, joined by Brandon Chillar, who was impressive on special teams. "We've got some of the best linebackers in the Pac-10," Nece says.

Safety Marques Anderson and cornerback Ricky Manning, Jr., are the fastest players on the team and perhaps the most complete defensive backs in the Pac-10. But they are flanked by inexperience. It might take a true freshman, Matt Ware, to save the Bruin secondary.

While Pac-10 rivals held campus tryouts to find kickers last season, junior Chris Griffith made 11-of-14 field goals and became the second-leading scorer on the squad. Punter Nate Fikse will probably be pushed by redshirt freshman Chris Kluwe, who dazzled coaches in practice with his leg strength.

Perry hasn't given the Bruins many returns on kickoffs, but Manning can be lethal fielding punts.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR	**82**	**Brian Poli-Dixon (Sr., 3)**	85	Jon Dubravac (Sr., 3)
LT	**78**	**Bryce Bohlander (Jr., 2)**	66	Ed Anderson (Sr., 2)
LG	63	Blake Worley (Jr., 2)	74	Paul Mociler (Fr., 0)
C	**50**	**Troy Danoff (Sr., 3)**	57	John Ream (Fr., 0)
RG	55	Shane Lehmann (So., 1)	64	Eyoseph Efseaff (Fr., 0)
RT	**65**	**Mike Saffer (Jr., 2)**	76	Steve Vieira (Fr., 0)
TE	81	Bryan Fletcher (Sr., 3)	18	Mike Seidman (Jr., 2)
FL	1	Tab Perry (So., 1)	87	Craig Bragg (Fr., 0)
QB	**10**	**Cory Paus (Jr., 2)**	4	Ryan McCann (Jr., 2)
FB	**15**	**Ed Ieremia-Stansbury (Sr., 3)**	31	Matt Stanley (Sr., 2)
TB	**26**	**DeShaun Foster (Sr., 3)**	27	Akil Harris (So., 1)

Defense (7)

DE	99	Kenyon Coleman (Sr., 3)	49	Mat Ball (So., 1)
DT	**96**	**Anthony Fletcher (Sr., 3)**	97	Ken Kocher (Sr., 3)
DT	**77**	**Rodney Leisle (So., 1)**	92	Steve Morgan (Jr., 2)
DE	**94**	**Rusty Williams (Jr., 2)**	43	Dave Ball (So., 1)
LB	11	Brandon Chillar (So., 1)	95	Tim Warfield (Fr., 0)
LB	**8**	**Robert Thomas (Sr., 3)**	42	Dennis Link (So., 1)
LB	**47**	**Ryan Nece (Sr., 3)**	44	Marcus Reese (Jr., 2)
CB	**9**	**Ricky Manning Jr. (Jr., 2)**	20	Ryan Wikert (So., 1)
SS	**7**	**Marques Anderson (Sr., 3)**	4	Jason Stephens (Sr., 3)
FS	32	Kevin Brant (So., 1)	24	Ben Emanuel II (Fr., 0)
CB	22	Joe Hunter (Jr., 2)	3	Keith Short (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	14	Chris Griffith (Jr., 2)
P	19	Nate Fikse (Jr., 2)
KR	1	Tab Perry (So., 1)
PR	9	Ricky Manning Jr. (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Bob Toledo — **2000 Record (Pac-10): 6-6 (3-5)**
2001 Prediction: 2nd Pac-10 — **Rose Bowl (94,000)**

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Offensive Rushing Yards (1 pt. for every 10 yds.).....0.10 Point
Total Offensive Yards (1 pt. for every 20 yds.) .....0.05 Point

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Actual School Points Allowed.....(30 - Pts. Allowed) x 2.0
Def. Passing Yds. Allowed .....(300 - Pass Yds Allowed) x 0.3
Def. Rushing Yds. Allowed.....(200 - Pass Yds Allowed) x 0.3
Total Def. Yds. Allowed .....(400 - Total Yds Allowed) x 0.3

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3	ARIZONA	30	LOUISVILLE	57	SOUTH CAROLINA
4	ARIZONA ST.	31	LSU	58	SOUTHERN CAL
5	ARKANSAS	32	MARYLAND	59	SOUTHERN MISS
6	ARMY	33	MEMPHIS	60	STANFORD
7	AUBURN	34	MIAMI-FLORIDA	61	SYRACUSE
8	BAYLOR	35	MICHIGAN	62	TEMPLE
9	BOSTON COLLEGE	36	MICHIGAN ST.	63	TENNESSEE
10	BRIGHAM YOUNG	37	MINNESOTA	64	TEXAS
11	CALIFORNIA	38	MISSISSIPPI	65	TEXAS A&M
12	CINCINNATI	39	MISSISSIPPI ST.	66	TEXAS TECH
13	CLEMSON	40	MISSOURI	67	TULANE
14	COLORADO	41	NEBRASKA	68	UAB
15	COLORADO ST.	42	NEW MEXICO	69	UCLA
16	DUKE	43	NO. CAROLINA ST.	70	UNLV
17	EAST CAROLINA	44	NORTH CAROLINA	71	UTAH
18	FLORIDA	45	NORTHWESTERN	72	VANDERBILT
19	FLORIDA ST.	46	NOTRE DAME	73	VIRGINIA
20	GEORGIA	47	OHIO ST.	74	VIRGINIA TECH
21	GEORGIA TECH	48	OKLAHOMA	75	WAKE FOREST
22	HOUSTON	49	OKLAHOMA ST.	76	WASHINGTON
23	ILLINOIS	50	OREGON	77	WASHINGTON ST.
24	INDIANA	51	OREGON ST.	78	WEST VIRGINIA
25	IOWA	52	PENN ST.	79	WISCONSIN
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27	KANSAS	54	PURDUE		

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OFFENSIVE POINTS SCORED			
Id	School #1	Id	School #2

OFFENSIVE PASSING YARDS			
Id	School #1	Id	School #2

OFFENSIVE RUSHING YARDS			
Id	School #1	Id	School #2

OFFENSIVE TOTAL YARDS			
Id	School #1	Id	School #2

DEFENSIVE POINTS ALLOWED			
Id	School #1	Id	School #2

DEFENSIVE PASSING YARDS ALLOWED			
Id	School #1	Id	School #2

DEFENSIVE RUSHING YARDS ALLOWED			
Id	School #1	Id	School #2

DEFENSIVE TOTAL YARDS ALLOWED			
Id	School #1	Id	School #2

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VISA DISCOVER

Oregon State Beavers

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The laughing has stopped. The Oregon State Beavers, the object of ridicule, derision and scorn over the final three decades of the 20th century, completed the transformation from patsy to powerhouse with a stellar 2000 season that saw the program reach heretofore unfathomable heights.

A Pac-10 Conference co-championship. A No. 4 ranking in the final Associated Press poll.

Peter Brouillet

Ken Simonton

And a 41–9 Fiesta Bowl blowout of Notre Dame, the team that represented the absolute antithesis of OSU during the Beavers' 28-year streak of losing seasons which painfully lasted from 1971 through 1998.

3,831 Career rushing yards by tailback Ken Simonton, the only player in Pac-10 history to gain 1,000 yards as a freshman, sophomore and junior.

"The biggest challenge now is keeping (the program) competitive year-in and year-out," third-year coach Dennis Erickson says. "That's what we've got to do now, get to a point where we are consistently competitive in the league and against everyone we play"

Erickson only welcomes back four offensive starters, but thankfully quarterback Jonathan Smith is one of them. At 5'11" and 202 pounds, Smith doesn't look the part, but he's one of the Pac-10's most effective quarterbacks and an outstanding leader with a 19–8 record as a starter. He's thrown for 7,253 yards and 41 touchdowns in just two and one-half seasons, with only 19 interceptions in 944 attempts.

Smith missed contact drills in spring practice with a broken bone in his left (non-throwing) wrist, but he was able to participate in passing drills.

With wideouts Chad Johnson, Robert Prescott and T.J. Houshmandzadeh and tight end Marty Maurer no longer on campus, Smith will be throwing to a largely untested crop of receivers.

Junior college transfer Andre Cyrus should provide immediate help, and holdovers James Newson, Shawn Kintner (two catches, 13 yards) and Seth Trimmer (three catches, 26 yards) must step up. The Beavers are high on redshirt freshmen George Gillett and Ron Monteilh.

Smith might be the director of the OSU offense, but tailback Ken Simonton is the star. Simonton gained 1,474 yards in 2000, his third consecutive 1,000-yard season. "Ken Simonton is the best offensive player in the Pac-10, without a doubt," Cal coach Tom Holmoe said after Simonton rushed for 125 yards in OSU's 38–32 win over the Bears last season.

Simonton is far from a one-man show in the Beaver backfield. OSU boasts one of the nation's top backup tailbacks in senior Patrick McCall. The former JC transfer contributed 623 yards in 2000.

Oregon State must find three new starters on the offensive line. The return of guard Keith DiDomenico after a year off for personal reasons is a major boost. DiDomenico was honorable mention all-Pac-10 in 1999.

Center Chris Gibson was a first-team All-Pac-10 pick as a first-year starter in 2000. Vincent Sandoval, who this year moves from left tackle to right tackle, is solid. Lee Davis is the projected starter at left tackle and either Mike Kuykendall, Kanan Sanchez or Tyler McClaughry will open at left guard.

The key on the defensive line will be replacing "The Presidents," two-year starting ends DeLawrence Grant and LaDairis Jackson. Sophomore Dan Rothwell and three-year letterman Kyle Rosselle are the likely successors, with junior college transfer Alvin Steen and senior Brian Tulikihihifo, a former tackle, also in the mix.

Eric Manning is a rock at one defensive tackle, and Dwan Edwards was brilliant at times in a backup role in 2000.

The Beavers' linebacking corps is solid and athletic, with Richard Seigler anchoring the middle and standout James Allen turned loose on the weak side. Nick Barnett is a two-year letterman who should step right in for the departed Darnell Robinson on the strong side.

The standout in the Beaver secondary is cornerback Dennis Weathersby, who emerged as one of the nation's best last fall. At the other corner, Shamon Jamerson emerged from spring atop the depth chart.

Calvin Carlyle is back at strong safety, and Jake Cookus is the favorite at free safety. But coaches feel redshirt freshman Mitch Meeuwsen could win a safety job.

Ryan Cesca is one of the most reliable kickers in the nation. He nailed 14-of-17 field goals during the regular season and two more in the Fiesta Bowl.

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

SE	10	Shawn Kintner (Jr., 2)	6	George Gillett (Fr., 0)
SL	2	James Newson (So., 1)	18	Mike Payton (Sr., 1)
LT	76	Lee Davis (Jr., 1)	62	Brian Kilkenny (So., 0)
LG	70	Mike Kuykendall (Jr., 2)	55	Kanan Sanchez (Fr., 0)
C	**60**	**Chris Gibson (Sr., 3)**	73	Matt Brock (Fr., 0)
RG	79	Keith DiDomenico (Sr., 3)	78	Paul Davidian (Sr., 1)
RT	**74**	**Vincent Sandoval (Sr., 3)**	65	Doug Nienhuis (Fr., 0)
TE	84	Tim Euhus (So., 1)	85	Tyler Ross (Jr., 2)
QB	**9**	**Jonathan Smith (Sr., 3)**	7	Nick Stremick (Sr., 2)
TB	**35**	**Ken Simonton (Sr., 3)**	8	Patrick McCall (Sr., 1)
FL	19	Seth Trimmer (Jr., 2)	4	Ron Monteilh (Fr., 0)

Defense (5)

LE	59	Dan Rothwell (So., 1)	1	Alvin Steen (Jr., 0)
LT	**99**	**Eric Manning (Jr., 2)**	96	Daniel Torres (Sr., 2)
RT	98	Dwan Edwards (So, 1)	92	Paul Soto (Fr., 0)
RE	97	Kyle Rosselle (Sr., 3)	56	Brian Tulikihihifo (Sr., 1)
LB	42	Nick Barnett (Jr., 2)	22	Jason Jacobs (So., 1)
LB	**51**	**Richard Seigler (So., 1)**	40	Jonathan Pollard (Fr., 0)
LB	**34**	**James Allen (Sr., 3)**	58	Erik Tuma (Jr., 2)
CB	9	Shamon Jamerson (So., 1)	2	D.J. Coote (Jr., 0)
SS	**32**	**Calvin Carlyle (Sr., 3)**	37	Mitch Meeuwsen (Fr., 0)
FS	31	Jake Cookus (Sr., 3)	3	Terrell Roberts (Jr., 2)
CB	**21**	**Dennis Weathersby (Jr., 2)**	8	Aric Williams (Fr., 0)

Special Teams

K	41	Ryan Cesca (Jr., 2)
P	48	Carl Tobey (So., 0)
KR	2	James Newson (So., 1)
PR	6	George Gillett (Fr., 0)

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Head Coach: Dennis Erickson — **2000 Record (Pac-10): 11-1 (7-1)**
2001 Prediction: 3rd Pac-10 — **Parker Stadium (35,362)**

Kansas State Wildcats

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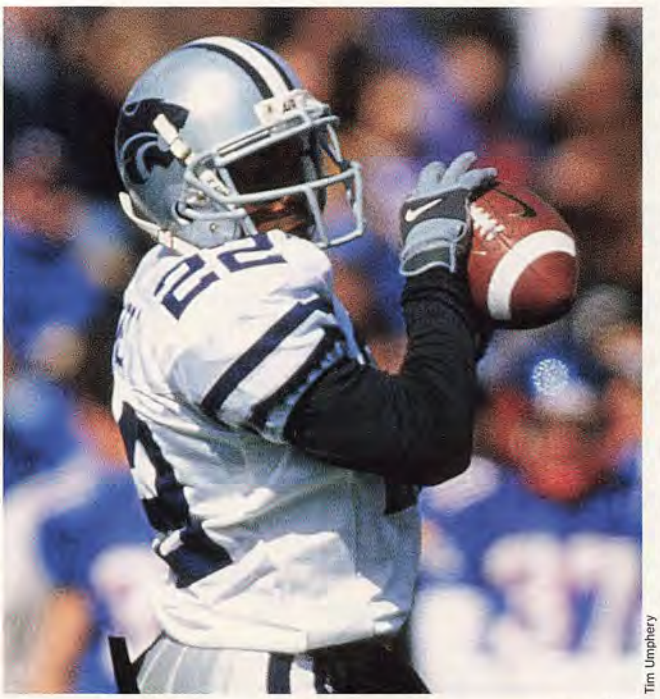
Go ahead. Say the Wildcats don't play anybody. They don't much care what you say about them any more. They don't have to. Give them a chance, and they'll line up and knock you around a bit. Just ask Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer. His Volunteers put SEC honor on the line in the Cotton Bowl last year and came away humiliated 35–21, prompting Fulmer to say: "That was a pretty good example of taking us out behind the woodshed and spanking us."



Tim Umphery

Aaron Lockett

Even with the departure of 26 seniors and games at Nebraska and Oklahoma, K-State could extend its string of 11-win seasons to five.

Two years ago no one thought K-State could replace Heisman runner-up Michael Bishop at quarterback. Now they're saying the same thing about Jonathan Beasley.

100 The next K-State victory will be Bill Snyder's 100th as head coach. The eight Wildcat coaches before Snyder won a total of 104 games.

The challengers are Ell Roberson and junior college transfer Marc Dunn. Roberson was a standout during the spring game in 2000 but never fulfilled that promise in his redshirt freshman season. To ensure competition at the spot, the Wildcats recruited Dunn, who passed for 4,351 yards and 42 touchdowns last season at Ricks College in Idaho. Roberson is a more mobile runner, Dunn a more accurate passer.

For perhaps the first time in the Snyder era, the Wildcats have a back who can carry the full load. Halfback Josh Scobey shredded Tennessee for 147 yards rushing in the Cotton Bowl.

But K-State has another effective runner in fullback Rock Cartwright, who averaged six yards per carry last year. And there's a talented bunch of recruits coming in.

Replacing receiver Quincy Morgan will be tough. But the Wildcats aren't devoid of talent. Aaron Lockett has 2,043 yards receiving in his career. Who plays on the other side was still up in the air after spring practice. There are plenty of candidates, including seniors Brandon Clark, Drew Thalmann and Ricky Lloyd. The sleeper of the group could be Lawrence "Taco" Wallace, a juco transfer.

K-State hasn't used its tight ends as receivers very often, but senior Nick Warren makes a big target at 6'7".

On the offensive line, Andy Eby, John Robertson and Nick Leckey are back. Eby and Robertson started at guard a year ago. Leckey, the only Wildcat who played as a true freshman, started spring at center. Right tackle Thomas Barnett was in Snyder's doghouse at the start of spring practice, but don't count him out of the starting lineup.

The other candidates are seniors Matt Martin and Oshin Honarchian. Prize 2000 recruit Chris Boggas also has a chance to make an impact.

There isn't a lot of experience along the defensive front, and that's a concern. But Snyder says he has been pleased with the work ethic and production of Melvin Williams, and this is "his opportunity to step up and provide us with the kind of play we've come to expect at that position." That means big plays and sacks.

Andrew Shull and Thomas Houchin will get a chance to step in, as will juco transfer Henry Bryant.

Two part-time starters return inside, but DeVane Robinson wasn't listed on the spring depth chart and is in Snyder's doghouse. That leaves Jerry Togiai and Eric Everley as the projected starters, with Justin Montgomery and Cory Hoffman adding depth.

The cupboard never seems to be bare at linebacker. Ben Leber is heading into his third year as a starter. When Terry Pierce moved into the starting lineup at middle linebacker last fall, it solidified the run defense. Warren Lott was awarded an extra injury redshirt season, and he holds down the other outside spot.

K-State took a blow when junior corner Jerametrius Butler opted for the NFL draft. But they have able replacements in Terence Newman and DeMarcus Faggins. Both played key backup roles last year. They are joined by DeRon Tyler and juco transfers James Dunnigan and Bobby Walker.

Free safety Jon McGraw (three INTs) returns and will play alongside Milton Proctor, a part-time starter.

The return game is in good hands. Lockett had three touchdown returns on punts and a 22.8-yard average. All-America kicker Jamie Rheem has graduated, leaving the job either to Jared Brite or Rheem's younger brother Joe, an incoming freshman. The punting job will wide open, according to Snyder.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR	45	Brandon Clark (Sr., 2)	87	Drew Thalmann (Sr., 3)
LT	69	Matt Martin (Sr., 1)	76	Oshin Honarchian (Sr., 0)
LG	**64**	**Andy Eby (Sr., 2)**	77	Chris Boggas (Fr., 0)
C	53	Nick Leckey (So., 1)	78	Steve Washington (Jr., 2)
RG	**70**	**John Robertson (Sr., 3)**	73	Ben Rettele (So., 0)
RT	**65**	**Thomas Barnett (Sr., 3)**	55	Billy Miller (Sr., 0)
TE	81	Nick Warren (Sr., 3)	88	Thomas Hill (So., 0)
QB	3	Ell Roberson (So., 1)	5	Marc Dunn (Jr., 0)
RB	**1**	**Josh Scobey (Sr., 1)**	34	Danny Morris (So., 1)
FB	**25**	**Rock Cartwright (Sr., 1)**	39	Nick Hoheisel (Jr., 2)
WR	**22**	**Aaron Lockett (Sr., 3)**	82	Ricky Lloyd (Sr., 0)

Defense (3)

LE	94	Thomas Houchin (So., 0)	49	Alax Carrier (Fr., 0)
DT	96	Jerry Togiai (Sr., 0)	92	Justin Montgomery (So., 0)
NT	76	Eric Everley (Sr., 2)	95	Cory Hoffman (Jr., 0)
RE	97	Melvin Williams (Jr., 2)	98	Andrew Shull (So., 1)
LB	**52**	**Ben Leber (Sr., 3)**	51	Andy Klocke (Jr., 2)
LB	**56**	**Terry Pierce (So., 1)**	18	Bryan Hickman (So., 0)
LB	50	Warren Lott (Sr., 1)	7	Josh Buhl (So., 1)
CB	21	DeMarcus Faggins (Sr., 1)	2	DeRon Tyler (Sr., 2)
FS	**38**	**Jon McGraw (Sr., 3)**	12	Derrick Yates (Sr., 1)
SS	14	Milton Proctor (Sr., 3)	19	Alan Walker (So., 0)
CB	4	Terence Newman (Jr., 2)	33	James Dunnigan (Jr., 0)

Special Teams

K	6	Jared Brite (So., 1)
P	10	Travis Brown (Jr., 2)
KR	22	Aaron Lockett (Sr., 3)
PR	22	Aaron Lockett (Sr., 3)

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Head Coach: Bill Snyder — **2000 Record (Big 12): 11–3 (6–2)**
2001 Prediction: 2nd Big 12 North — **KSU Stadium (50,000)**

Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets

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How, you may ask, can a team like Georgia Tech, which finished the regular season 9–2, went to a bowl, and returns 16 starters, enter the fall with question marks? Here's how: The Yellow Jackets' MVP, quarterback George Godsey, is recovering from knee surgery and its MVC (Most Valuable Coach), offensive coordinator Ralph Friedgen, is now Maryland's head coach.

Allen Kee

George Godsey

Godsey was injured in the final minute of Tech's 28–14 Peach Bowl loss to LSU. The fifth-year senior skipped spring practice, but is expected back in the fall.

26 The number of catches Kelly Campbell needs to pass Georgia Tech all-time leading receiver Harvey Middleton.

Friedgen's replacement is 31-year old Bill O'Brien, and few assistants will have the pressure that O'Brien faces. He must prove he can pull the strings in the same way Friedgen did. O'Brien is one of the youngest offensive coordinators in the nation, and his debut against LSU in the Peach Bowl was just short of a disaster. Even the boss isn't sure what to expect. "We're still uncertain about the chemistry of our football team," says head coach George O'Leary. This much is certain: Godsey's health is paramount to any sort of title run.

Running back is Tech's strength as Joe Burns, Sean Gregory, Jermaine Hatch, Sidney Ford, Jimmy Dixon and Gordon Clinkscale give the Jackets depth and talent.

Fullback is a question mark with Ross Mitchell and Johnathan Jackson battling for the spot. Mitchell is a converted linebacker, but Jackson has size and athleticism.

Kelly Campbell announced he would return for his senior year, which is perhaps the best off-season news O'Leary received. The two-time All-ACC receiver is poised to break every Tech receiving record. Receiver is another position where the Jackets have depth with Will Glover, Jonathan Smith, Nate Curry and Kerry Watkins all boasting solid credentials. Watkins had the most memorable catch of the year as he snared a 16-yard touchdown pass from Godsey with seven seconds showing to upset Clemson.

Tight end is a Tech strength. Russ Matvay returns after a 20-catch season. Will Heller and John Paul Foschi will rotate with Matvay on a regular basis.

Despite losing All-America tackle Chris Brown and All-ACC guard Brent Key, Tech will be strong and deep up front. The Jackets welcome back 16 offensive linemen, the most O'Leary ever has had return. Center David Schmidgall anchors the front, along with returning starters John Bennett at tackle and Raymond Roberts-Blake at guard.

Snow Junior College transfer Garren Findlay will take a tackle spot and redshirt sophomore Hugh Reilly probably will open at guard. Schmidgall calls Tech's offensive line signals and rooms with Godsey, which has enabled the pair to develop a nice rapport.

The defensive front is led by ends Greg Gathers and Nick Rogers. It's between the ends where Tech's primary concerns lie.

Merrix Watson will open at tackle and has three years of experience, but the other tackle will come from a group that includes South Florida transfer Casey Loesch, Gary Johnson, Reggie Koon and Alfred Malone. Leon Robinson moves over from offense.

The Jackets have all three starting linebackers returning in Daryl Smith, Recardo Wimbush and Ather Brown. There's plenty of depth with Keyaron Fox backing up Wimbush, senior Matt Miller behind Smith and Anthony Lawson behind Brown. The starting trio is one of the finest in the ACC. Smith led Tech in tackles in 2000 with 96. Fox is perhaps the most athletic, while Miller gives the team stability and leadership.

The secondary has been Georgia Tech's Achilles' heel, but the Yellow Jackets should be strong in the defensive backfield this fall. Competition at the two corner spots will be the best and most heated in O'Leary's tenure with Marvious Hester, Tony Hollings, Jonathan Cox and Notre Dame transfer Albert Poree vying for a starting spot.

The safety spots are solid with senior Chris Young and junior Jeremy Muyres. Young is the hardest hitter on the team while Muyres is a heady player who makes few mistakes.

Punter Dan Dyke and placekicker Luke Manget return. Manget was an All-ACC kicker last season and has made 91 straight PATs. Campbell and Curry will share kickoff returns while junior Kelley Rhino will open as the punt returner. Rhino is the son of three-time Tech All-American Randy Rhino.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR	5	Nate Curry (So., 1)	9	Kerry Watkins (Jr., 2)
LT	78	Garren Findlay (Jr., 0)	76	Jason Kemble (Sr., 1)
LG	**66**	**Raymond Roberts-Blake (Jr., 1)**	62	Clay Hartley (So., 1)
C	**61**	**David Schmidgall (Sr., 1)**	71	Beau Cleland (Jr., 0)
RG	67	Hugh Reilly (So., 1)	63	Tim Brown (Jr., 2)
RT	**79**	**John Bennett (So., 1)**	76	Jason Kemble (Sr., 1)
TE	**80**	**Russell Matvay (Sr., 3)**	89	John Paul Foschi (So., 1)
QB	**11**	**George Godsey (Sr., 2)**	13	Andy Hall (So., 1)
FB	45	Ross Mitchell (Sr., 3)	37	Johnathan Jackson (Fr., 0)
RB	**35**	**Joe Burns (Jr., 3)**	2	Sidney Ford (Jr., 0)
WR	**6**	**Kelly Campbell (Sr., 3)**	3	Will Glover (Jr., 2)

Defense (9)

DE	**55**	**Greg Gathers (Jr., 2)**	50	Hobie Holiday (So., 1)
DT	86	Gary Johnson (Jr., 2)	78	Casey Loesch (Jr., 0)
DT	**98**	**Merrix Watson (Sr., 3)**	58	Fred Wright (Jr., 1)
DE	**38**	**Nick Rogers (Sr., 2)**	91	Chirod Williams (Fr., 0)
LB	**42**	**Recardo Wimbush (Jr., 2)**	54	Keyaron Fox (So., 1)
LB	**51**	**Daryl Smith (So., 1)**	48	Matt Miller (Sr., 3)
LB	**43**	**Ather Brown (So., 1)**	52	Anthony Lawson (So., 1)
SS	**33**	**Chris Young (Sr., 3)**	**4**	**Cory Collins (Jr., 2)**
FS	**27**	**Jeremy Muyres (Jr., 2)**	24	Tony Hollings (So., 1)
CB	29	Marvious Hester (Jr., 2)	23	Jonathan Cox (So., 1)
CB	40	Albert Poree (So., 0)	41	Kelley Rhino (Jr., 2)

Special Teams

K	87	Luke Manget (Jr., 2)
P	30	Dan Dyke (Jr., 2)
KR	6	Kelly Campbell (Sr., 3)
PR	41	Kelley Rhino (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: George O'Leary — **2000 Record (ACC): 9–3 (6–2)**
2001 Prediction: 2nd ACC — **Bobby Dodd Stadium (46,000)**

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Notre Dame Fighting Irish

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This is the time Bob Davie envisioned back when the questions surrounding the Notre Dame football program grew the loudest, when injuries reduced the '99 Fighting Irish to a collection of hobbling starters and overmatched reserves, when the Internet was producing a new head coach every week.

For the first time, Davie will lead a team with four classes recruited entirely under his leadership. A second straight BCS appearance would create the first back-to-back major bowl trips since 1994-95.

Peter Brouillet

Matt LoVecchio

The Irish offense will be led by the efficient Matt LoVecchio, a sophomore who took over the team five games into the 2000 season.

LoVecchio's interception percentage of .0080 (1 in 125 passes) set a school record, and his completion percentage of .584 was the fourth-best in Irish history.

> **50** Completed passes thrown by non-quarterbacks on the 2001 Irish roster (Arnaz Battle 28, Gary Godsey 19, David Givens 2, Nick Setta 1). Irish QBs other than Matt LoVecchio completed none.

With Arnaz Battle, the one-time ND quarterback of the future, having moved to flanker, LoVecchio would seem to have the quarterback job locked up for 2001. But LoVecchio shared practice time during the spring with two other sophomores, Jared Clark and Carlyle Holiday, who have yet to take a snap in a college game.

The success of Notre Dame's offense may hinge on the health and reliability of its talented tailbacks. Julius Jones, Tony Fisher and Terrance Howard combined for 1,688 rushing yards in 2000 and produced six games with 96 or more yards.

The most intriguing member of the wide receiver group is Battle, who was seen as the successor to Jarious Jackson at the QB position from the time he first worked with the freshmen in 1998. But Battle fractured his left wrist against Nebraska last season and missed the rest of the season. When the Irish prepared for the bowl game, Battle was working with the receivers.

Much of ND's struggles during the 5–7 '99 season can be traced to its young and inexperienced offensive line. Those young players have grown into the most stable offensive line unit of Davie's tenure.

Tackles Jordan Black and Kurt Vollers have started a total of 36 games. Jeff Faine started all 12 games at center last season and played every offensive snap in seven games. There are five veterans, three seniors and two juniors, competing for the two vacated guard spots.

The Irish defensive line will receive a huge boost by the return of end Grant Irons, who missed the final 10 games of his junior season with a shoulder injury. End Anthony Weaver, whose eight sacks led the Irish last season, has started 30 games in his three years.

Andy Wisne and Cedric Hilliard will compete for the nose guard spot. Tackle Darrell Campbell is expected to produce a breakthrough season.

Linebacker Rocky Boiman has emerged as an emotional leader and difference-making pass rusher. Tyreo Harrison offers experience on the inside. But several of the most influential players could be those who saw little or no action last season. Carlos Pierre-Antoine has shown hints of the ability that made him an important part of the 1998 freshman class. Jerome Collins, a 6'4", 231-pound outside linebacker, produced a 40-yard dash time of 4.6 seconds. On the inside, sophomore Mike Goolsby has already displayed a swagger reminiscent of the championship-era defenders of the 1980s.

The health and progress of the Irish cornerbacks, once a glaring problem, could be a decisive factor. Shane Walton, a former walk-on, has grown into an experienced defender. Clifford Jefferson, a starter two seasons ago, was considered recovered from the ankle problems of last year. Jason Beckstrom missed spring practice because of surgery on his left shoulder.

Ron Israel leads a group of five safeties that will compete for playing time. Glenn Earl's blocked field goal attempt late in the fourth quarter of an overtime victory over Air Force made the Fiesta Bowl bid a possibility.

Once an area of consistent problems and concerns, the special teams units should again be a strength. Nick Setta became the second placekicker in 10 seasons to lead Notre Dame in scoring. Punter Joey Hildbold averaged 40.93 yards last season, leading the Irish to a No. 10 ranking in net punting.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE	**21**	**Javin Hunter (Sr., 2)**	18	Ronnie Rodamer (So., 0)
LT	**78**	**Jordan Black (Sr., 2)**	63	Brennan Curtin (Jr., 1)
LG	79	Sean Mahan (Sr., 2)	67	Ryan Gillis (Jr., 0)
C	**52**	**Jeff Faine (Jr., 1)**	66	J.W. Jordan (Sr., 1)
RG	76	John Teasdale (Sr., 3)	65	Sean Milligan (Jr., 0)
RT	**75**	**Kurt Vollers (Sr., 2)**	62	Casey Robin (Sr., 2)
TE	84	John Owens (Sr., 3)	14	Gary Godsey (Jr., 1)
FL	6	David Givens (Sr., 3)	3	Arnaz Battle (Sr., 3)
QB	**10**	**Matt LoVecchio (So., 1)**	7	Carlyle Holiday (So., 0)
FB	**36**	**Tom Lopienski (Sr., 2)**	40	Jason Murray (Sr., 2)
TB	**22**	**Julius Jones (Jr., 2)**	12	Tony Fisher (Sr., 3)

Defense (6)

LE	**98**	**Anthony Weaver (Sr., 3)**	48	Kyle Budinscak (So., 0)
DT	60	Darrell Campbell (Jr., 1)	77	Greg Pauly (So., 0)
NT	94	Andy Wisne (Sr., 2)	50	Cedric Hilliard (Jr., 0)
RE	44	Grant Irons (Sr., 4)	**95**	**Ryan Roberts (Sr., 2)**
ILB	**51**	**Tyreo Harrison (Sr., 2)**	2	Carlos Pierre-Antoine (Sr., 1)
ILB	33	Courtney Watson (Jr., 1)	41	Mike Goolsby (So., 1)
OLB	**30**	**Rocky Boiman (Sr., 3)**	81	Jerome Collins (So., 0)
CB	9	Jason Beckstrom (Jr., 2)	34	Vontez Duff (So., 1)
CB	**42**	**Shane Walton (Sr., 2)**	15	Clifford Jefferson (Sr., 2)
SS	20	Gerome Sapp (Jr., 2)	**5**	**Ron Israel (Sr., 3)**
FS	16	Abram Elam (So., 0)	28	Donald Dykes (Sr., 2)

Special Teams

K	13	Nick Setta (Jr., 1)
P	17	Joey Hildbold (Jr., 2)
KR	22	Julius Jones (Jr., 2)
PR	22	Julius Jones (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Bob Davie — **2000 Record: 9–3**
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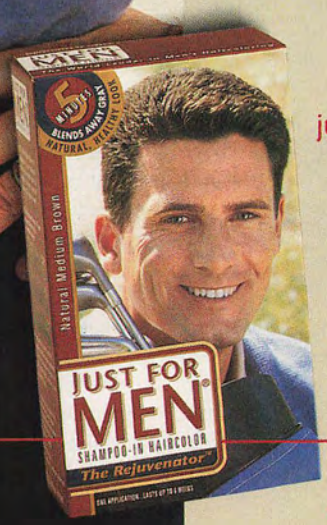

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Texas Longhorns

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They have the talent and the playmakers. They also have the schedule. But do the Texas Longhorns have *it* — that intangible quality that separates great teams from good ones and champions from contenders?

Even coach Mack Brown isn't sure. "Every team has a different personality, and no one knows who is going to be the best in the country," says Brown. "We want to be a team that's picked in the Top 5 every year. But we really want to be a team that ends in the Top 5. We must prove we have what it takes to do it, and it's been a long time since we've done that."

Chris Covatta

Quentin Jammer

To be exact, it's been 17 years since the Horns last finished in the Top 5 and three decades since UT's last national title. But if these Longhorns have "it," they do have all the tools to win it all.

> **3** The number of teams that ranked among the nation's Top 20 in both total offense and total defense last year. Two (Oklahoma and Florida State) played for the national title. Texas was the third.

The quarterback controversy was defused this past spring before it was ever allowed to fester. Multi-talented junior Chris Simms is the starter, while senior Major Applewhite is the backup. End of discussion.

Applewhite's a gutsy, tough-as-nails competitor who earned co-Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year honors two seasons ago. He may be the best backup quarterback in the nation, giving Texas a peace of mind few programs can conceive.

But the starter is Simms, a purer passer who is four inches taller, more mobile and has thus far been more durable than Applewhite. Simms won over his teammates last year by passing for 868 yards in the final three games.

Two-time All-Big 12 running back Hodges Mitchell is gone. The most likely candidate from last year's roster to replace him is Victor Ike, who has 430 career rushing yards.

But the Longhorns also have true freshman Cedric Benson, who hits the hole like Ricky Williams and compiled an astonishing 8,423 rushing yards and 127 touchdowns in his high school career. Don't be surprised if Benson is the backfield star by the end of the year.

The Longhorns also return Matt Trissel, a solid blocker, at fullback.

Receivers Roy Williams and B.J. Johnson combined to catch 81 passes for 1,507 yards and 11 TDs as true freshmen. Williams is the star with sprinter's speed at 6'5". That duo and Sloan Thomas form perhaps the most dangerous young receiving corps in the country.

At tight end, talents like Bo Scaife, Brock Edwards and Mike Jones add to a Longhorn group loaded with pass-catching playmakers.

Texas loses its man-mountain, 370-pound tackle Leonard Davis, but returns four starters and four other veterans on the offensive line. The three senior starters — tackle Mike Williams, guard Antwan Kirk-Hughes and center Matt Anderson — helped the Horns average 439.0 yards per game (sixth on the all-time UT list) last year.

Defensively, Cory Redding and Kalen Thornton are play-making ends who helped Texas produce a Big 12-leading 43 sacks last year. Redding, the Big 12's Defensive Freshman of the Year in '99, registered a team-high 6.5 sacks in 2000.

Inside, the Horns must replace one of the nation's premier tackle tandems in Casey Hampton and Shaun Rogers. Marcus Tubbs played in all 12 games and should be solid. Stevie Lee and Adam Doiron also are promising tackles.

All three linebackers — D.D. Lewis, Everick Rawls and Tyrone Jones — are back after playing prominent roles in Texas' back-to-back Top 10 national finishes in total defense.

Lewis shared the team lead with 78 tackles and led the Horns' linebackers with 4.5 sacks and 15 tackles for loss in 2000.

Texas led the nation last season in pass efficiency defense, and almost everyone is back. Cornerbacks Quentin Jammer and Roderick Babers and free safety Dakarai Pearson return, as does strong safety Lee Jackson, who battled injuries in 2000 after starting 14 games in '99.

Jammer blossomed last year. Named as the top junior cornerback in the nation by NFL draft guru Mel Kiper, Jr., the physical Jammer recorded 43 tackles, three interceptions and 20 pass breakups last season.

Matt McFadden will take over as the kicker and junior college All-America transfer Brian Bradford will assume the punting chores.

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

FL	**82**	**B.J. Johnson (So., 1)**	87	Kyle Shanahan (Jr., 0)
LT	71	Robbie Doane (Jr., 0)	75	Lionel Garr (Fr., 0)
LG	**76**	**Derrick Dockery (Jr., 2)**	74	Beau Baker (Jr., 2)
C	**62**	**Matt Anderson (Sr., 3)**	74	Beau Baker (Jr., 0)
RG	**77**	**Antwan Kirk-Hughes (Sr., 3)**	61	Tillman Holloway (So., 1)
RT	**63**	**Mike Williams (Sr., 3)**	75	Lionel Garr (Fr., 0)
TE	**81**	**Mike Jones (Sr., 2)**	84	Brock Edwards (So., 1)
QB	**1**	**Chris Simms (Jr., 2)**	11	Major Applewhite (Sr., 3)
RB	28	Victor Ike (Jr., 2)	33	Kenny Hayter (Jr., 0)
FB	**46**	**Matt Trissel (Jr., 2)**	36	Chad Stevens (Jr., 2)
SE	**4**	**Roy Williams (So., 1)**	9	Sloan Thomas (So., 1)

Defense (8)

LE	**40**	**Cory Redding (Jr., 2)**	89	Jermain Anderson (Sr., 2)
LT	96	Adam Doiron (So., 1)	65	Stevie Lee (Fr., 0)
RT	95	Marcus Tubbs (So., 1)	98	Ryan Haywood (So., 0)
RE	**43**	**Kalen Thornton (So., 1)**	48	Maurice Gordon (Sr., 1)
LB	**39**	**Tyrone Jones (Sr., 2)**	31	O.J. McClintock (Jr., 2)
LB	**10**	**D.D. Lewis (Sr., 3)**	45	Reed Boyd (So., 1)
LB	**2**	**Everick Rawls (Sr., 2)**	56	Marcus Wilkins (Sr., 3)
CB	**6**	**Quentin Jammer (Sr., 3)**	1	Ervis Hill (Sr., 3)
FS	**9**	**Dakarai Pearson (So., 1)**	22	Phillip Geiggar (So., 1)
SS	23	Lee Jackson (Sr., 3)	5	Ahmad Brooks (Sr., 2)
CB	**21**	**Roderick Babers (Jr., 2)**	3	Nathan Vasher (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	15	Matt McFadden (Fr., 0)
P	14	Brian Bradford (Jr., 0)
KR	26	Ivan Williams (So., 1)
PR	3	Nathan Vasher (So., 1)

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Head Coach: Mack Brown — **2000 Record (Big 12): 9-3 (7-1)**
2001 Prediction: 2nd Big 12 South — **Texas Memorial Stadium (80,082)**

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Ohio State Buckeyes

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When Jim Tressel was named the 22nd head coach in OSU history, the horde was beside itself, exclaiming a near-unison "Finally." For years, a large contingent had been calling for thumbs down on 13-year coach John Cooper. They got their wish when athletic director Andy Geiger reached a mere 170 miles up the road to Youngstown State. In 15 years at YSU, Tressel had taken the Penguins to four NCAA Division I-AA national championships.

Brian Ebner

Steve Bellisari

Tressel knows enough about the Ohio State fans' expressway to understand there is toll booth dead ahead. "Obviously, we've got to win," Tressel says.

5-18-1 The Buckeyes' combined record against Michigan (2–10–1) and in bowl games (3–8) during the 13-year John Cooper era.

Quarterback is the position most OSU fans believe will make or break the Buckeyes in 2001. In the spring, Tressel made it known the job was open, though athletic two-year starter Steve Bellisari is still first in line. Scott McMullen made the biggest move, impressing Tressel with his quick decisions, quick release and ability to scramble. Craig Krenzel and redshirt freshman Rick McFadden made long strides near the end of spring.

Offensive coordinator Jim Bollman, former tight ends coach of the Chicago Bears, is excited about the possibilities of fullback Jamar Martin, a devastating blocker. Bollman worked to make Martin a running and pass-catching threat for use in one-back sets, and by the end of spring they liked what they saw.

What they'd like to see is senior Jonathan Wells emerge as the physical, hard-running tailback they need. He'll be pushed by Sam Maldonado, who caught the coaches' eye with his smoother, playmaking ability.

The Buckeyes lose their top four wide receivers, but no one seems to be crying about it. Drew Carter led the new contingent in the spring, and junior college transfer Chris Vance, Ricky Bryant and John Hollins proved they can play. But no one excited the fans watching the open practices as much as Brandon "Bam" Childress, who could be a player on the rise in the fall.

Bollman intends to use his tight ends as wildcards, lining them up tight one play and split the next. Returning starter Darnell Sanders and Ben Hartsock both proved adept at doing both.

The Buckeyes haven't had a solid, people-moving offensive line since 1998. The return of center LeCharles Bentley and left tackle Adrien Clarke provides a physical nucleus. Bollman installed Alex Stepanovich at left guard and Shane Olivea at right guard. Both were members of the 2000 recruiting class.

The problem is depth, though fifth-year player Jim Massey should help that after returning from a year of academic ineligibility. Bollman will seek more from Bryce Bishop, Scott Kuhnhein and possibly Jason Caldwell.

Gone are three defensive line starters, including tackle Ryan Pickett and end Rodney Bailey, both of whom were taken in the NFL Draft. Two-year starter Mike Collins at tackle will anchor an athletic group. Tackles Tim Anderson and David Thompson, and ends Will Smith, Kenny Peterson, Darrion Scott and Tim Cheatwood will rotate in and provide fresh legs to defensive coordinator Mark Dantonio's aggressive approach.

All three linebackers return, led by middle man Matt Wilhelm, who emerged as a hard hitter and playmaker. Joe Cooper played with All-Big Ten abandon at one of the outside spots, while Courtland Bullard is the returning sack leader with six.

In the secondary, the Buckeyes lost starters Nate Clements, a first-round NFL draft pick, and David Mitchell. The rise of Bobby Britton and the hoped-for return of Derek Ross will key whether the Buckeyes can be as aggressive as they'd like to be under Dantonio. Ross was suspended for the spring after an off-season brush with the law. If he can't step into a starting spot, the job could go to Harlan Jacobs or Richard McNutt.

Hard-hitting strong safety Mike Doss made one All-America team last year, and free safety Donnie Nickey is a two-year starter. That gives the team a safety net up the middle which should be enhanced by the arrival of blue-chip recruit Dustin Fox.

Josh Huston has the task of replacing record-setting kicker Dan Stultz. The coaches pressed punter B.J. Sander to get his kicks off more quickly, and he made progress. But like Huston, consistency is Sander's biggest goal.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

SE	82	Drew Carter (So., 1)	12	Michael Jenkins (So., 1)
LT	**63**	**Adrien Clarke (So., 1)**	53	Ivan Douglas (So., 1)
LG	76	Alex Stepanovich (So., 1)	70	Scott Kuhnhein (Sr., 1)
C	**68**	**LeCharles Bentley (Sr., 3)**	66	Mike Jacobs (Sr., 1)
RG	71	Shane Olivea (So., 1)	69	Jim Massey (Sr., 0)
RT	77	Tyson Walter (Sr., 3)	78	Bryce Bishop (So., 0)
TE	**89**	**Darnell Sanders (Jr., 2)**	88	Ben Hartsock (So., 1)
QB	**8**	**Steve Bellisari (Sr., 3)**	16	Craig Krenzel (So., 1)
FB	**39**	**Jamar Martin (Sr., 3)**	29	Jesse Kline (So., 0)
RB	28	Jonathan Wells (Sr., 3)	5	Sam Maldonado (So., 1)
FL	9	Ricky Bryant (So., 1)		Bam Childress (Fr., 0)

Defense (6)

DE	97	Kenny Peterson (Jr., 1)	56	Darrion Scott (So., 1)
DT	**98**	**Mike Collins (Sr., 3)**	51	Fred Sturrup (So., 1)
DT	54	Tim Anderson (So., 1)	95	David Thompson (Jr., 0)
DE	93	Will Smith (So., 1)	49	Tim Cheatwood (Sr., 2)
LB	**58**	**Courtland Bullard (Sr., 3)**	44	Robert Reynolds (So., 1)
LB	**35**	**Matt Wilhelm (Jr., 2)**	46	Fred Pagac (So., 1)
LB	**10**	**Joe Cooper (Sr., 3)**	6	Cie Grant (Jr., 2)
SS	**2**	**Mike Doss (Jr., 2)**	26	Will Allen (So., 1)
FS	**25**	**Donnie Nickey (Jr., 2)**	42	Rob Stover (Fr., 0)
CB	1	Bobby Britton (So., 1)	11	Richard McNutt (So., 1)
CB	7	Derek Ross (Jr., 2)	24	Curtis Crosby (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	23	Josh Huston (Fr., 0)
P	21	B.J. Sander (So., 1)
KR	28	Jonathan Wells (Sr., 3)
PR	14	Bam Childress (Fr., 0)

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Head Coach: Jim Tressel — **2000 Record (Big Ten): 8–4 (5–3)**
2001 Prediction: 2nd Big Ten — **Ohio Stadium (99,000)**

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Mississippi State Bulldogs

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No one appears to be tired of the ride the Mississippi State program has been on the last four years. Once considered one of the "small-time" teams in the SEC, the Bulldogs have steadily risen to become the most consistent team in the SEC's Western Division the past four seasons and the only West team to own back-to-back bowl wins.

It's lofty real estate that the Bulldogs have no intentions of relinquishing. "I want to finish this season the same way I started my first," says quarterback Wayne Madkin. "In Atlanta, playing for the SEC Championship."

Tim Clark/Athlon Sports

Wayne Madkin

With 13 starters returning, including eight on the league's most balanced offense, Madkin's wish just might come true.

> **14** The Bulldogs were incredibly balanced on offense last season. Just 14 yards separated their rushing (2,132) and passing (2,118) yardage totals.

Madkin, the school career passing leader, has slowly but surely become one of the most effective playmakers in the league. He has shown that he can beat teams throwing the ball (completing 56 percent of his passes) or running it (over 100 yards and a score versus BYU). As Madkin goes, so go the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs led the league in rushing by more than 30 yards per game in 2000. Tailbacks Dicenzo Miller and Dontae Walker, who ran for 264 yards and six scores on just 30 carries in the last two games, were largely responsible. Both have the speed and instincts to slash and the size to run over defenders. Miller was the team's second-leading receiver. And Walker, who rushed for 795 yards, averaged 27 yards per kick return.

"I have to think they're two of the better backs in the country," State coach Jackie Sherrill says.

Justin Griffith, a threat running and catching the ball, returns at fullback.

As a group, the receivers have yet to prove themselves. But the Bulldogs have never had depth like this. Justin Jenkins is MSU's most explosive pass catcher since Eric Moulds. Terrell Grindle starts on the other side. Both he and Jenkins will be pushed for time by Darius Tubbs and Clarence Parker. And none of them has the size and speed of redshirt freshman Antonio Hargro.

Donald Lee is the tight end and he will backed up by Aaron Lumpkin and Tommy Ferrill.

Four starters return to an offensive line that paved the way for the league's most dominant ground game. The line will be led by guard-turned-center Tommy Watson, guard Courtney Lee and tackle Kenric Fairchild. The fourth returnee, Derrick Thompson, took over at right tackle for injured All-American Pork Chop Womack down the stretch. The fifth starter should be 6'3", 340-pound junior college transfer Michael Allen. The Bulldogs have more depth along the line than they've had in years, Sherrill says.

Defensive tackle Dorsett Davis is a giant and a terror at the point of attack, and versatile enough to play any spot on the line. Lennie Day, Demotto Youngblood and Jadice Moore could all play prominent roles at nose guard and tackle, and they'll get pressure from jucos Kahlil Nash, Tommy Kelly, Michael Oyefesobi, Dannie Snyder and Ronald Fields.

At end, All-SEC pick Conner Stephens returns for a fourth starting season. Dwayne Robertson, Ivan Billie, Nathan Jackson, Robert Spivey and Tarus Morgan will all contribute.

Linebacker Mario Haggan didn't just lead the Bulldogs in tackles as a sophomore; he led the entire league with 132 stops. He'll be backed up by Jason Clark, a consensus freshman All-SEC pick.

The dirty work in the secondary is now left to seniors like All-American Pig Prather and his fellow senior dog safety Shawn Byrdsong. All-SEC candidate Josh Morgan will return full-speed for a second starting season at free safety. The corners will be manned by two new starters out of a pool that includes seniors Marco Minor and Julius Griffith and junior college transfers Korey Banks, Demetric Wright and Richard Ball. The depth in the secondary is better than ever.

Placekicking chores will be up to John Michael Marlin, who handled kickoffs as a freshman. Jared Cook inherits the punting job as well as the responsibility of dealing with State's demanding kicking coach, Sherrill.

The return game is good hands with Prather and Walker handling kickoffs. Banks and Ray Ray Bivines will have first crack at the punt return duties.

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

SE	**15**	**Terrell Grindle (Jr., 2)**	1	Clarence Parker (Sr., 1)
LT	**77**	**Kenric Fairchild (Sr., 3)**	72	Carl Hutchins (Jr., 2)
LG	**74**	**Courtney Lee (Sr., 1)**	75	Kyle Wallace (Jr., 2)
C	**66**	**Tommy Watson (Sr., 1)**	51	Kevin Sijansky (Jr., 1)
RG		Michael Allen (Jr., 0)	75	Kyle Wallace (Jr., 2)
RT	**76**	**Derrick Thompson (So., 1)**	73	Donald Tucker (So., 1)
TE	**84**	**Donald Lee (Jr., 2)**	87	Aaron Lumpkin (So., 1)
FL	8	Justin Jenkins (So., 1)	82	Darius Tubbs (Jr., 1)
QB	**9**	**Wayne Madkin (Sr., 3)**	16	Kevin Fant (So., 1)
FB	31	Justin Griffith (Jr., 2)	33	Darnell Jones (Fr., 0)
TB	**12**	**Dicenzo Miller (Sr., 3)**	3	Dontae Walker (Jr., 2)

Defense (5)

LE	**90**	**Conner Stephens (Sr., 3)**	81	Ivan Billie (Jr., 2)
LT	**99**	**Dorsett Davis (Sr., 2)**	97	Jadice Moore (Fr., 0)
NG	95	Demotto Youngblood (Fr., 0)	91	Greg Jack (Jr., 0)
RT	46	Lennie Day (So., 1)	71	Ifem Ezekwe (Jr., 1)
RE	45	Dwayne Robertson (Sr., 1)	59	Robert Spivey (Fr., 0)
LB	**98**	**Mario Haggan (Jr., 2)**	40	Jason Clark (So., 1)
LC	2	Korey Banks (Jr., 0)	24	Jonathan Bell (Fr., 0)
RC	23	Marco Minor (Sr., 1)	39	Slovakia Griffith (Fr., 0)
DS	**29**	**Pig Prather (Sr., 3)**	7	Bryan Shumaker (So., 1)
DS	6	Shawn Byrdsong (Sr., 3)	41	Anthony Bryant (Sr., 2)
FS	**47**	**Josh Morgan (Jr., 2)**	19	David Mooneyham (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	42	John Michael Marlin (So., 1)
P	43	Jared Cook (Fr., 0)
KR	3	Dontae Walker (Jr., 2)
PR	2	Korey Banks (Jr., 0)

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Head Coach: Jackie Sherrill — **2000 Record (SEC): 8–4 (4–4)**
2001 Prediction: 1st SEC West — **Scott Field (40,656)**

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Northwestern Wildcats

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This Purple Magic thing is becoming a bit cliched at Northwestern — and that is exactly what coach Randy Walker wants.

For the second time in six years, the Wildcats went from bad to brilliant. Northwestern won a share of the Big Ten title with one of the most prolific offenses in the nation and earned a trip to the Alamo Bowl. Now Walker wants to make seasons like that the norm at Northwestern. "We're just looking for that kind of consistency that great players, great teams and great programs have," Walker says. "They don't do it two out of three, they do it every night, every week, every time out."

Ric Fogel

Damien Anderson

Northwestern will strive for the consistency Walker covets with 10 returning starters on offense, including All-America candidates at quarterback and running back.

99.9 The percentage of last year's 5,615 yards of total offense that Northwestern has returning this season.

The quick and nimble Zak Kustok is the key to the Northwestern spread offense. The crafty quarterback was superb in 2000, throwing for 2,389 yards and rushing for another 505 yards.

Kustok's ability to read defenses, scramble, and present a deep threat carried the Wildcats last season. It will be difficult for defenses to to take away all three of of those options.

If Kustok was the brains and arm of Northwestern's offense, Damien Anderson was the legs. With the defenses spread thin by the Wildcats' five-wide formations, Anderson sliced his way for a school-record 2,063 yards rushing and 23 touchdowns.

This spring, Anderson returned even faster and stronger. He is the nation's leading returning rusher and the leading returning Heisman Trophy vote-getter.

Kustok will have a deep and talented receiving corps at his disposal this fall. Despite his lack of height, Sam Simmons has the speed and hands to be the Wildcats' go-to receiver. Simmons can double as a running back or even a quarterback on trick plays.

Notre Dame transfer Jovan Witherspoon is a playmaker and will compete for a starting spot. Jon Schweighardt, Kunle Patrick and Roger Jordan will be expected to improve on their decent numbers from last year.

Much to Walker's and Anderson's delight, Northwestern returns all five starters along the offensive line. Besides three-year starters Mike Souza and Leon Brockmeier, the Wildcats have a potential All-Big Ten guard in Jeff Roehl, two-year starter Austin King and a veteran senior in Lance Clelland. King, who will play center, and Roehl were both named honorable mention all-conference last year.

As good as the offense was last year, the defense was that bad. The line was where it all started. Furthermore, only one starter, tackle Pete Chapman, returns up front. "We were 10th in the Big Ten so maybe it was good they left," Walker says. "It wasn't like we lost a bunch of guys off the best defense ever played here. Being honest, we need to get the same kind of confidence and trust on defense that we have on offense."

Besides Chapman, the only other lineman with much experience is tackle Salem Simon, who will start.

The Wildcats are lacking play-making ends and will have a tough time improving on their 24 sacks last season. Onaje Grimes, Ray Bogenrief, Pete Konopka and converted offensive lineman Ben Kennedy will compete for the end spots.

Traditionally a strength at Northwestern, the lack of depth of this year's linebacking corps may give Walker trouble. The Wildcats have four linebackers who could start in the Big Ten, but Walker says he is committed to a 4–3 formation, meaning one will have to sit.

Three-year starters Napoleon Harris, Kevin Bentley and Billy Silva likely will get the nod, with junior Pat Durr coming off the bench. Harris has recorded more than 100 tackles each of the last two years and Silva topped 100 last season after making more than 80 the year before.

The secondary struggled last season and must find a way to get better after losing its best player, Harold Blackmon, to graduation.

Returning starters Raheem Covington at cornerback and Rashidi Wheeler at strong safety likely will team with cornerback Chasda Martin and safety Sean Wieber in the starting lineup. But don't count out Marvin Brown, Brandon Evans or talented redshirt freshman Marvin Ward from snatching one of those starting spots.

Depth Chart

Offense (10)

WR	**32**	**Sam Simmons (Sr., 3)**	80	Kunle Patrick (So., 1)
TE	**15**	**David Farman (Jr., 1)**	84	Eric Worley (So., 1)
LT	**67**	**Leon Brockmeier (Sr., 3)**	74	Derek Martinez (So., 1)
LG	**77**	**Lance Clelland (Sr., 3)**	64	Matt Ulrich (Fr., 0)
C	**62**	**Austin King (Jr., 2)**	68	Carl Matejka (So., 1)
RG	**73**	**Jeff Roehl (Jr., 1)**	76	Adam Fay (Sr., 2)
RT	**56**	**Mike Souza (Sr., 3)**	60	Ikechuku Ndukwe (Fr., 0)
QB	**10**	**Zak Kustok (Sr., 2)**	19	Matt Danielson (So., 1)
FB	**5**	**Vincent Cartaya (Jr., 2)**	28	Gilles Lezi (So., 1)
RB	**20**	**Damien Anderson (Sr., 3)**	22	Kevin Lawrence (Jr., 2)
WR	6	Jon Schweighardt (Jr., 2)	4	Roger Jordan (So., 1)

Defense (6)

DE	93	Pete Konopka (Sr., 3)	78	Ben Kennedy (So., 1)
DT	**98**	**Pete Chapman (Jr., 2)**	69	Colby Clark (Fr., 0)
DT	94	Salem Simon (Sr., 3)	58	Matt Anderson (So., 0)
DE	59	Onaje Grimes (Jr., 1)	7	Ray Bogenrief (So., 0)
LB	**8**	**Napoleon Harris (Sr., 3)**	48	Syga Thomas (So., 1)
LB	**44**	**Billy Silva (Sr., 3)**	52	Ryan Peterson (So., 1)
LB	**2**	**Kevin Bentley (Sr., 3)**	3	Pat Durr (Jr., 2)
SS	**30**	**Rashidi Wheeler (Sr., 3)**	25	Marvin Brown (Sr., 2)
FS	37	Sean Wieber (Jr., 1)	35	Mark Roush (So., 1)
CB	33	Chasda Martin (Jr., 1)	21	Brandon Evans (So., 1)
CB	**27**	**Raheem Covington (Jr., 2)**	31	Marvin Ward (Fr., 0)

Special Teams

K	99	Brian Huffman (So., 1)
P	42	J.J. Standring (Sr., 3)
KR	32	Sam Simmons (Sr., 3)
PR	32	Sam Simmons (Sr., 3)

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Head Coach: Randy Walker — **2000 Record (Big Ten): 8–4 (6–2)**
2001 Prediction: 3rd Big Ten — **Ryan Field (47,130)**

LSU Tigers

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You win five of the last six to close 8–4, finish with a Peach Bowl upset of Georgia Tech, then nail down one of the country's top recruiting classes. So how happy is Nick Saban? "We've made some progress, all right," he says. "But let's be honest. We have a way to go to consistently compete in a conference as tough as the SEC."

With all but one of his defensive starters returning, with quarterback Rohan Davey surrounded by an impressive corps of running backs and wide receivers, Saban has reason for optimism. Still, he says, "All we've done is put down a building block."

Larry Kinker

Treverance Faulk

7-11 Lucky numbers? You bet. They're the numbers worn by linebackers Treverance Faulk, No. 7, and Bradie James, No. 11.

Finally, the QB job is Davey's to lose. In a way, Davey has made the most of what comes down to a three-game career. As a sophomore, he was named SEC Player of the Week for sparking the Tigers to an upset over Arkansas in the final game of the season. As a junior, he was Player of the Week once more for leading his team to an overtime victory over Tennessee. Davey then returned to trigger a second-half rally in an upset of Georgia Tech in the Peach Bowl.

"Rohan has great leadership qualities," says Saban. "He's very coachable, he's team-oriented, and he has the toughness you need to play the quarterback position."

No speedster, Davey still packs the ability to hurt a defense by scrambling out of the pocket, and he can make the clutch throw.

Waiting in the wings are a pair of redshirt freshmen, Matt Mauck, a quick, talented athlete who gave pro baseball a chance, and Marcus Randall.

Saban is expecting big things from running back LaBrandon Toefield, last year's rushing leader despite missing time because of injuries. The 225-pound Toefield is a threat inside and outside, while Domanick Davis does most of his damage around the flanks with his quickness. Devery Henderson, a high school sprint champion, and Derron Parquet give the Tigers a pair waiting to break into the mix.

With Josh Reed, a big-play receiver who averaged 102 yards per game in '00; Jerel Myers, who plays taller than 5'11"; and Reggie Robinson, who has acrobatic skills, the receiver position is a land of plenty. "I wouldn't trade these guys for anyone," says Davey. "They can make a quarterback look good the way they go after the ball."

The tight end position is just as solid with Robert Royal, Joe Domingeaux and Eric Edwards returning, plus incoming freshman Marcus Spears, rated by some the top tight end prospect in the country.

The loss of center Louis Williams and tackle Brandon Winey makes the line a troubling area. The good news is the Tigers return both guards, Rob Sale and Dwayne Pierce, and tackle Rodney Reed.

"We're going to depend on some of our younger guys, the ones who picked up some experience last year, stepping up," says Saban, speaking of tackles Brad Smalling and Jason Baggett. Here again Saban may have found an instant contributor in his incoming class in Ben Wilkerson.

Experienced players return on the defensive line — Kenderick Allen and Jarvis Green at the ends, Muskingum Barnes and Chad Lavalais at the tackles. It was a group that mixed good and bad, played inconsistently at times, in some instances very well. It would be no surprise if Saban finds an impact pass rusher among his incoming recruits, such as Marquise Hill, a 6'7", 290 pounder, and Brandon Washington.

The heart of the defense is the linebacking trio: Treverance Faulk, Bradie James, and Jeremy Lawrence. Faulk and James were sure-tackling terrors, sideline-to-sideline, coming up with a flock of big plays. James was the more spectacular, Faulk the more consistent.

The only loss in the secondary was Fred Booker at right corner, and that can be eased by the presence of Damien James, whose goal-line deflection of a Tennessee pass secured the win. Robert Davis is back on the right side; Lionel Thomas and Ryan Clark are the safeties. Clark's a candidate for postseason honors.

John Corbello, 19-for-30 on field goals the last two seasons, returns after closing the season with a 49-yarder in the Peach Bowl. So does punter Donnie Jones, who won a spot on the SEC's All-Freshman team. Domanick Davis, 600 yards shy of the school's kickoff-return record, is the leading candidate for return duty, and he could get some help from Corey Webster and Shyrone Carey, a 5'8" jitterbug rated Louisiana's top prospect in 1999.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR	25	Josh Reed (Jr., 2)	**3**	**Jerel Myers (Jr., 2)**
LT	**60**	**Rodney Reed (So., 1)**	90	Terry Phillips (Jr., 1)
LG	**73**	**Rob Sale (Jr., 1)**		Ben Wilkerson (Fr., 0)
C	79	Jason Underwood (Sr., 1)	77	Jonathan Autrey (So., 0)
RG	**78**	**Dwayne Pierce (Sr., 2)**	66	John Young (Jr., 1)
RT	74	Brad Smalling (Jr., 2)	69	Jason Baggett (Sr., 3)
TE	**86**	**Robert Royal (Sr., 3)**	87	Joe Domingeaux (Sr., 3)
QB	6	Rohan Davey (Sr., 2)	12	Marcus Randall (Fr., 0)
FB	41	Reese Angelette (So., 0)	42	Jeremy Burnham (So., 0)
RB	**22**	**LaBrandon Toefield (So., 1)**	31	Domanick Davis (Jr., 2)
WR	**4**	**Reggie Robinson (Sr., 3)**	83	Jack Hunt (So., 1)

Defense (10)

DE	54	Kenderick Allen (Jr., 2)	**85**	**Kyle Kipps (Sr., 3)**
DT	**91**	**Muskingum Barnes (Sr., 2)**	96	Byron Dawson (Jr., 2)
DT	93	Chad Lavalais (So., 1)	**95**	**Howard Green (Sr., 1)**
DE	**59**	**Jarvis Green (Sr., 3)**		Marquise Hill (Fr., 0)
LB	**7**	**Treverance Faulk (Jr., 2)**	15	Walter Moreham (Sr., 2)
LB	**11**	**Bradie James (Jr., 2)**	49	Ryan O'Neal (Jr., 2)
LB	**56**	**Jeremy Lawrence (Jr., 2)**		Donovan Grayson (Fr., 0)
SS	**28**	**Lionel Thomas (Sr., 3)**	36	Norman LeJeune (Jr., 2)
FS	**2**	**Ryan Clark (Sr., 3)**	29	Terrence O'Bryant (Sr., 1)
CB	9	Robert Davis (Sr., 3)	**33**	**Demetrius Hookfin (Jr., 2)**
CB	5	Damien James (Jr., 2)	21	Randall Gay (So., 0)

Special Teams

K	40	John Corbello (Jr., 2)
P	80	Donnie Jones (So., 1)
KR	31	Domanick Davis (Jr., 2)
PR	31	Domanick Davis (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Nick Saban — **2000 Record (SEC): 8–4 (5–3)**
2001 Prediction: 2nd SEC West — **Tiger Stadium (91,600)**

Clemson Tigers

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A question had been posed to Tommy Bowden about his responsibility for monitoring players off the field. "Who do I look like?" the coach asked in response. "Wyatt Earp or a football coach?" But Clemson's dynamic head coach could have been talking about restoring traditional order to the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Allen Kee

Travis Zachery

In Bowden's first two seasons, the Tigers improved from three to six to nine wins. Now Clemson has added game-breaking speed at wide receiver to go with a quick-trigger attack plan. None other than Lou Holtz of rival South Carolina raved: "People in the ACC ought to really be nervous." Still, the Tigers lack the overall depth Bowden believes is required for a serious run at Florida State. Another step up is a lot to ask in 2001.

220 Yards rushing for Woodrow Dantzler in last year's 31–10 victory at Virginia, a record for an ACC quarterback. Dantzler scored two touchdowns on 18 carries.

Quarterback Woodrow Dantzler was a Heisman candidate last September, but wasn't the same after suffering an upper ankle injury at North Carolina in the eighth game. Dantzler winced through the rest of the schedule and missed spring practice following surgery.

Willie Simmons is more of a classic passer, ideally suited for the spread offense Bowden and Rich Rodriguez brought from Tulane. The basic approach won't change under new offensive coordinator Brad Scott, though Clemson tinkered with more I-formation and drop-back plays during the spring.

Tailback Travis Zachery missed spring practice with a broken foot. Zachery is a big-play threat and superb receiver. Keith Kelly and Bernard Rambert will get carries, though Kelly may have an edge due to his nose for the goal-line.

Chad Jasmin takes over at fullback. An exceptionally sculpted 5'10", 214 pounds, he's a solid lead blocker who runs well.

Rod Gardner's go-to receiver role will be filled by committee, starting with Kevin Youngblood and Jackie Robinson. Youngblood (6'5") is a coveted big target, while Robinson is a steady former high school teammate of Dantzler's.

The Tigers are two-deep in legitimate offensive line talent for the first time in a decade. Left guard Will Merritt, center Kyle Young and right guard T.J. Watkins return as full-time starters, with part-time starter Gary Byrd at right tackle. Akil Smith, honorable mention All-ACC in 1999, is back at left tackle after spending last year on the sideline with a blood clot.

Derrick Brantley, a junior college All-American, looked good at both tackle spots in the spring. Brantley and guard Cedric Johnson are heavy loads, unlike the relatively lean starting five trained in the fine art of no-huddle passing drills.

Defensive end Nick Eason, the lone returning starter on the defensive line, missed spring drills with an Achilles tendon injury. Redshirt freshman Donnell Washington seized one tackle spot with a terrific spring. Jovon Bush is another wide body, but has yet to make his first start.

With two new starters at cornerback, the pass rush is a priority. Bryant McNeal's sack total dropped from three to two as he had trouble taking on bigger blockers. Eason was tenacious when healthy (seven sacks), and Khaleed Vaughn came on strong late in the year.

Linebacker Keith Adams left for the NFL a year early. Middle linebacker Chad Carson, a Rhodes Scholar candidate, led the Tigers in tackles while benefiting from the double-team blocks on Adams.

Braxton K. Williams moves from starting outside linebacker to Clemson's new "Star" safety position, a hybrid OLB-rover concept. Altroy Bodrick takes over at the other outside spot. John Leake was perhaps the most pleasant surprise of spring. Linebacker Rodney Thomas set a Clemson record for special teams tackles with 26.

Three new secondary starters, including both cornerbacks, are certain to draw early fire. Brian Mance is a prototype cover corner and fine punt returner. On the other side, Kevin Johnson is a step slower but a better tackler.

Strong safety Charles Hafley is solid in coverage and has a knack for the big play. Eric Meekins had the free safety spot this spring but was pressed by Ronny Delusme.

Kicker Aaron Hunt was erratic last season, going 2-for-6 from 30 yards or longer. Tony Lazzara likely will handle kickoffs again.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR	**82**	**Jackie Robinson (Jr., 2)**	21	Derrick Hamilton (Fr., 0)
WR	80	Matt Bailey (Sr., 3)	84	J.J. McKelvey (Jr., 2)
LT	61	Akil Smith (Jr., 2)	74	Nate Gillespie (Jr., 1)
LG	**50**	**Will Merritt (Sr., 2)**	74	Nick Black (So., 1)
C	**59**	**Kyle Young (Sr., 3)**	51	Brian Outlaw (Sr., 2)
RG	**73**	**T.J. Watkins (Sr., 3)**	65	Cedric Johnson (Fr., 0)
RT	79	Gary Byrd (Jr., 2)	71	Derrick Brantley (Jr., 0)
QB	**1**	**Woodrow Dantzler (Sr., 3)**	7	Willie Simmons (So., 1)
RB	**8**	**Travis Zachery (Sr., 3)**	20	Bernard Rambert (Jr., 2)
WR	**17**	**Kevin Youngblood (So., 1)**	85	Ronnie Thomas (So., 1)
WR	16	Joe Don Reames (Jr., 2)	12	Jeff Scott (So., 1)

Defense (4)

DE	**98**	**Nick Eason (Jr., 2)**	91	Bryant McNeal (Jr., 2)
DT	96	Donnell Washington (Fr., 0)	94	Paul White (So., 1)
DT	95	Jovon Bush (Sr., 3)	97	DeJuan Polk (So., 1)
DE	56	Khaleed Vaughn (So., 1)	55	Marcus Lewis (So., 1)
LB	42	Altroy Bodrick (Sr., 3)	47	Rodney Feaster (Jr., 2)
LB	**46**	**Chad Carson (Sr., 3)**	41	Rodney Thomas (Jr., 2)
Star	**48**	**Braxton K. Williams (Sr., 3)**	45	John Leake (So., 1)
SS	**40**	**Charles Hafley (Sr., 3)**	25	Marcus Houskin (So., 1)
FS	3	Erik Meekins (Jr., 2)	33	Ronnie Delusme (Fr., 0)
CB	2	Brian Mance (Jr., 2)	36	Touré Francis (So., 1)
CB	27	Kevin Johnson (So., 1)	22	Ryan Hemby (Fr., 0)

Special Teams

K	19	Aaron Hunt (So., 1)
P	32	Wynn Kopp (Jr., 0)
KR	16	Joe Don Reames (Jr., 2)
PR	16	Joe Don Reames (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Tommy Bowden — **2000 Record (ACC): 9–3 (6–2)**
2001 Prediction: 3rd ACC — **Clemson Memorial Stadium (81,473)**

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9/30	MAC BLOWOUT	Toledo (-22) vs Central Michigan	41-0 WON!
10/7	SEC STEAM	Georgia (-4½) vs Tennessee	21-10 WON!
10/8	NFC UNDERDOG	Saints (+4) vs Bears	31-10 WON!
10/14	SEC REVENGE	So Carolina (-7) vs Arkansas	27-7 WON!
10/15	NFC WEST	Saints (-1½) vs Panthers	24-6 WON!
10/28	BIG EAST	Boston College vs (-22) Rutgers	42-13 WON!
10/29	NFC CENTRAL	Tampa Bay (-3) vs Vikings	41-13 WON!
11/11	BIG 12	Texas A&M (+10) vs Oklahoma	31-35 WON!

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NOVEMBER 4			54 TOTAL UNITS WON!
ACC:	Maryland (+6½) vs NC State	35-28 W!	4 STRAIGHT BETS — 4 UNITS
IND:	LA Tech (+6½) vs Centr FL	16-20 W!	6 2-TEAMERS @ 2½ to 1 — 15 UNITS
MAC:	W Mich (-21) vs Ball State	42-3 W!	4 3-TEAMERS @ 6 to 1 — 24 UNITS
BIG10:	Wisconsin (-4½) vs Minn	41-20 W!	1 GRAND SLAM @ 11 to 1 — 11 UNITS

Washington Huskies

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Two games into the Rick Neuheisel regime in 1999, Washington was 0–2 and staring down the barrel of a losing season. Then the Huskies upset Colorado — Neuheisel's former school — and ever since, it's been largely a buoyant ride. Washington is 18–4 since that inauspicious beginning, including a Rose Bowl victory over Purdue last January, and a can-do mentality has taken over.

Tim Jackson

Larry Tripplett

The Huskies enter the 2000 season with their first full-fledged quarterback competition since 1993, and UW must replace six experienced offensive linemen. Combine that with a number of injuries, and there are concerns.

"The expectation level at Washington is always going to be the same," Neuheisel says. "Rather than try to change the expectation level, we've got to figure out a way to meet it."

23–1 That's the Washington record when Keith Gilbertson is offensive coordinator, including the '91 national title.

Not since Damon Huard and Eric Bjornson dueled eight years ago have the Huskies had a battle for the No. 1 QB job. This time, it's Cody Pickett and Taylor Barton.

Pickett, the unproven two-year understudy to Marques Tuiasosopo, was lightly regarded entering the spring, but he excelled in scrimmages. Pickett will enter the fall atop the depth chart, but Barton will still be a factor in the quarterback derby. Pickett throws well on the run and has the strongest arm in the program. Barton has earned the reputation as an accurate passer and a student of the game.

Running back Rich Alexis had a terrific debut season with 738 yards and a 6.3 yards per carry average. He is a developing star who runs with a physical style. Willie Hurst showed what he could do when healthy, averaging 6.1 yards.

Ken Walker and John Hart have both seen significant game action and are battling over the fullback job left vacant by the graduation of Pat Conniff. Braxton Cleman played both tailback and fullback and could see more action at the latter this season.

At wide receiver, Todd Elstrom, the Huskies' leading receiver last season, is back. He will be joined by the program's most experienced pass-catcher, two-year starter Chris Juergens, who has apparently recovered from a knee injury. Justin Robbins enjoyed a strong freshman year with 22 catches. Freshman prospects Reggie Williams and Charles Frederick add speed.

Tight end Jerramy Stevens established a UW record (43 catches) for his position and should contend for national honors.

Four new starters must emerge on the offensive line. Hard-nosed center Kyle Benn, perhaps the Huskies' most consistent lineman a year ago, is the lone returnee. Two projected starters didn't take part in the spring — guard Nick Newton, who is recovering from pre-Rose Bowl ankle surgery, and tackle Francisco Tipoti, who needed to complete a junior college degree after choosing the Huskies over USC. The other two spots likely will go to ex-reserve Elliott Zajac and one of a number of redshirt freshman candidates. "It's not pretty, but it's not hopeless," Neuheisel says.

Defensive tackle Larry Tripplett is the most decorated UW returnee. The likable senior is a solid run-stuffer and an excellent pass rusher — his 6.5 sacks last year were a team-high. Marcus Roberson, who recorded six sacks last fall, complements Tripplett well. Two other candidates to start are Jerome Stevens and Terry Johnson.

Ben Mahdavi, the leading returning tackler (52), can swing between either of the inside linebacker positions. That leaves the other spot to veteran Jamaun Willis, Tyler Krambrink or possibly Jafar Williams.

Anthony Kelley returns at one outside spot. An athletic and emotional player, Kelly is also effective as a nickel pass-rusher. The other outside position should see a spirited competition between Zach Tuiasosopo, Marques' brother, and JC transfer Kai Ellis.

Greg Carothers, a big hitter, should start at strong safety, while the Huskies search for possibilities at free safety. Owen Biddle, Jimmy Newell and converted corner Rod Green will be in the mix. Senior Omare Lowe has a bead on one corner, with Chris Massey, Derrick Johnson and Roc Alexander likely to battle for the other.

Kicker John Anderson is 25-of-35 on field goals in two seasons and is as good as anybody in the Pac-10. The punting job may be inherited by a freshman, Derek McLaughlin. Johnson (24.2-yard average) was effective returning kickoffs, but injury clouds the picture.

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

WR	**18**	**Todd Elstrom (Sr., 3)**		Reggie Williams (Fr., 0)
OT		Francisco Tipoti (Jr., 0)	95	Khalif Barnes (Fr., 0)
OG	67	Nick Newton (So., 1)	72	Todd Bachert (So., 1)
C	**64**	**Kyle Benn (Sr., 3)**	72	Todd Bachert (So., 1)
OG	75	Elliott Zajac (Jr., 2)	53	Aaron Butler (Fr., 0)
OT	79	Ryan Brooks (Fr., 0)	73	Andre Reeves (So., 0)
TE	**14**	**Jerramy Stevens (Jr., 2)**	97	Joe Collier (Sr., 2)
WR	89	Chris Juergens (Jr., 2)	**80**	**Justin Robbins (So., 1)**
QB	3	Cody Pickett (So., 2)	12	Taylor Barton (Jr., 0))
TB	24	Rich Alexis (So., 1)	8	Willie Hurst (Sr., 3)
FB	45	Ken Walker (Sr., 2)	35	John Hart (Sr., 3)

Defense (6)

OLB	90	Kai Ellis (Jr.,0)	40	Zach Tuiasosopo (Fr., 0)
DT	59	Jerome Stevens (So., 1)	92	Junior Coffin (Fr., 0)
NT	**70**	**Larry Tripplett (Sr., 3)**	45	Spencer Marona (Jr., 2)
DE	**98**	**Marcus Roberson (Sr., 1)**	99	Terry Johnson (So., 0)
OLB	47	Anthony Kelley (Sr., 2)	**13**	**Jafar Williams (Sr., 3)**
ILB	**41**	**Ben Mahdavi (Jr., 2)**	35	Tim Galloway (Fr., 0)
ILB	6	Jamaun Willis (Sr., 3)	42	Tyler Krambrink (So., 1)
CB	**28**	**Chris Massey (So., 1)**	3	Roc Alexander (So., 1)
SS	34	Greg Carothers (So., 1)	32	Nick Olszewski (Sr., 3)
FS	43	Owen Biddle (Jr., 1)	26	Jimmy Newell (So., 1)
CB	**12**	**Omare Lowe (Sr., 3)**	21	Derrick Johnson (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	15	John Anderson (Jr., 2)
P		Derek McLaughlin (Fr., 0)
KR	21	Derrick Johnson (So., 1)
PR	21	Derrick Johnson (So., 1)

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Head Coach: Rick Neuheisel — **2000 Record (Pac-10): 11–1 (7–1)**
2001 Prediction: 4th Pac-10 — **Husky Stadium (72,500)**

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Alabama Crimson Tide

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Leaders of the tradition-rich Alabama football program believe Dennis Franchione is the right man to guide the Crimson Tide through one of the most tumultuous periods in its history.

Last season there was a disastrous 3–8 campaign, and a year-long NCAA investigation into alleged violations under Mike DuBose's watch lingers like a dark cloud.

Peter Brouillet

Saleem Rasheed

Although Franchione spends more time working with the offense, it's a veteran defense led by former North Carolina head coach Carl Torbush that should make the Tide a Western Division contender.

100 The Tide's ranking out of 115 Division I-A teams in total offense last season, with 309.4 yards per game.

Honk if you've heard this one before: Andrew Zow (the strongest passing arm) and Tyler Watts (the best runner with a 4.1-yard average per carry) are entering their third consecutive year in a tight battle to be the starting quarterback. The difference this time is that true freshman Brodie Croyle is in the mix. He can do it all, but he is likely a year or two away.

Junior running back Ahmaad Galloway is the returning starter and established himself as the No. 1 back. Still, Santonio Beard greatly impressed the new staff in the spring. Beard, the best receiver among the backs, missed last season with knee and shoulder injuries. Brandon Miree is the biggest back at 6'2", 233 pounds and has the most potential, but he has poor hands. Donnie Lowe, a converted linebacker, was the biggest surprise of the spring and heads into preseason camp atop the the depth chart at fullback.

Will wideout Freddie Milons return from the land of the missing? The early indications are positive. The 1999 All-SEC performer had a good spring, despite coming off a season in which his catches dropped from 65 to 32.

Split end Antonio Carter is coming off his best season ever. He led the team with 45 catches for 586 yards and is a quick, elusive playmaker. Jason McAddley is the fastest receiver on the team and led the Tide with three touchdown catches. Senior tight end Terry Jones, Jr., a 6'4", 265-pounder with soft hands, returns after missing half of last season with a torn ACL.

The offensive line performed poorly last season, then lost starters Paul Hogan, Griff Redmill and Will Cuthbert to graduation. The anchor in 2001 could be junior college transfer Atlas Herrion, projected as a left tackle. Or it could be tackle Dante Ellington, a 354-pound force who has yet to fulfill his enormous potential.

But watch for redshirt freshmen Wesley Britt and Justin Smiley, who are smart, athletic players with good footwork, and true freshman Von Ewing. Center Alonzo Ephraim and guards Dennis Alexander and Marico Portis all received playing time last season and should improve.

The defensive line starters are as strong as any in the SEC — especially end Kindal Moorehead, one of America's top pass rushers. He is healthy again following a ruptured Achilles tendon. Moorehead should be joined at end by junior Kenny King in a fast, formidable pass rush. Jarret Johnson and David Daniel man the tackle positions. Johnson led the team last fall with seven quarterback sacks and 14 tackles for a loss. Depth is shaky, but watch for tackle Anthony Bryant, a run-stopping terror.

A mixture of old and new has Tide coaches excited about linebacker depth. Junior Saleem Rasheed and senior Victor Ellis are returning starters who have picked up the new schemes quickly. Brooks Daniels and Cornelius Wortham displayed their speed so well in the spring that Darius Gilbert, another returning starter, lost his position.

Without question the secondary is the No. 1 area of concern. The Tide must replace three starters — cornerback Milo Lewis and safeties Tony Dixon and Marcus Spencer — off a unit that struggled. Although veterans like Reggie Myles, Shontua Ray and Gerald Dixon return, youngsters might take control.

Cornerbacks Carlos Andrews and Ray Hudson and safeties Thurman Ward and Tyler Harris are extremely quick and athletic.

Junior punter Lane Bearden returns with a 40.7-yard average from last season. Meanwhile, senior placekicker Neal Thomas will try to hold off true freshman Mike McLaughlin, a high school All-America selection who will arrive in August after picking the Tide over Notre Dame.

Milons and Carter are dangerous punt returners, while Milons, McAddley, Carter and Ray are kickoff return threats.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE	2	**Antonio Carter (Jr., 2)**	84	Triandos Luke (So., 1)
LT	70	Wesley Britt (Fr., 0)	75	Atlas Herrion (Jr., 0)
LG	71	Marico Portis (Jr., 1)	78	Justin Smiley (Fr., 0)
C	58	Alonzo Ephraim (Jr., 1)	51	Evan Mathis (Fr., 0)
RG	73	**Dennis Alexander (So., 1)**	63	Danny Martz (Fr., 0)
RT	65	**Dante Ellington (Jr., 2)**	76	Lannis Baxley (Jr., 1)
TE	82	**Terry Jones (Sr., 3)**	89	Theo Sanders (Jr., 0)
QB	5	**Andrew Zow (Sr., 3)**	14	Tyler Watts (Jr., 2)
FB	49	Donnie Lowe (So., 1)	21	Nick Signaigo (Fr., 0)
RB	29	**Ahmaad Galloway (Jr., 2)**	42	Brandon Miree (So., 1)
FL	15	**Freddie Milons (Sr., 3)**	86	Michael James (Sr., 1)

Defense (6)

LE	55	**Kenny King (Jr., 1)**	98	**Antwan Odom (So., 1)**
DT	96	**Jarret Johnson (Jr., 2)**	94	Derek Sanders (Jr., 0)
NT	57	David Daniel (Sr., 1)	97	Anthony Bryant (So., 0)
RE	54	Kindal Moorehead (Jr., 2)	90	Nautyn McKay-Loescher (So., 0)
LB	11	**Saleem Rasheed (Jr., 2)**	99	**Darius Gilbert (Sr., 3)**
LB	9	**Victor Ellis (Sr., 3)**	16	Cornelius Wortham (So., 1)
Rov	18	Brooks Daniels (So., 1)	43	Jason Rawls (Fr., 0)
SS	33	Shontua Ray (Sr., 2)	24	Waine Bacon (Jr., 0)
FS	20	Charles Jones (So., 0)	23	Reggie Myles (Sr., 3)
CB	4	Gerald Dixon (Jr., 2)	10	Carlos Andrews (So., 0)
CB	25	Hirchel Bolden (Jr., 2)	10	Carlos Andrews (So., 0)

Special Teams

K	48	Neal Thomas (Sr., 1)
P	44	Lane Bearden (Jr., 2)
KR	2	Antonio Carter (Jr., 2)
PR	15	Freddie Milons (Sr., 3

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Head Coach: Dennis Franchione — **2000 Record (SEC): 3–8 (3–5)**
2001 Prediction: 3rd SEC West — **Bryant-Denny Stadium (83,266)**

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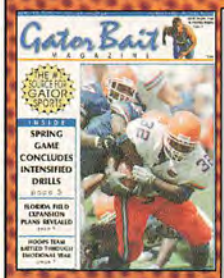

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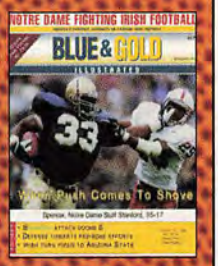

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Colorado State Rams

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Sonny Lubick used to say that his program would never truly have arrived until the Rams became like BYU, contending for a conference title every year.

That day is here. CSU has become the league's flagship program, as illustrated by four scheduled ESPN telecasts this season.

Yet Lubick is discovering that history means only so much when it comes to fielding a team every August. "This is a new football team," he says. "Every year, the team takes on a new personality."

Tim Clark/Athlon Sports

Pete Rebstock

Thanks to Lubick's influence, the 2001 Rams should have several traits in common with past teams: toughness, consistency, discipline and winning football.

67 Sonny Lubick has won 67 games in eight years at Colorado State. He ranks second on the Rams' all-time victory list.

Colorado State, however, must settle on a quarterback before the 2001 opener. Sophomores D.J. Busch and Bradlee Van Pelt are staging a competition for the job, and the winner hopes to become a three-year starter for CSU. At the end of spring drills, the two were virtually even.

Busch completed 11 passes as Matt Newton's backup last season and is an accurate passer with a nice feel for the offensive system. Van Pelt was a scout-team star while redshirting after transferring from Michigan State.

The inexperienced quarterback, whether it is Busch or Van Pelt, will rely on a solid rushing attack to move the offense. All-Mountain West back Cecil Sapp returns after gaining 841 yards (5.6 yards per carry) and scoring 10 touchdowns. Rahsaan Sanders also returns after gaining 524 yards. And the Rams have Kansas transfer Henri Childs available and will look for ways to get him on the field.

CSU lost a couple of receivers to graduation, but reacquired Dallas Davis. "That's a good trade," says co-offensive coordinator Dan Hammerschmidt.

Davis, who caught 51 passes in 1999, played in only two games last season because of a hamstring injury.

In Davis' absence, Pete Rebstock (46 catches for 768 yards) and Joey Cuppari (31 receptions) made just enough key plays to keep the Rams' attack effective.

Rebstock and Davis will also give CSU one of the top return games in the nation.

Jose Ochoa returns as the league's premier tight end; he's a good blocker and capable receiver who had 22 catches last season.

Of all 22 positions, center might be CSU's biggest concern. "If we don't take care of that, we're done," says Hammerschmidt. Mark Dreyer will have the first chance. A backup plan is to move senior David Shohet to center.

Otherwise, the line looks as solid as usual. Guard Morgan Pears has found motivation to go with his ability, possibly spurred by the star potential of his brother Erik, a redshirt freshman who will contend for a starting assignment at strong tackle. Terrell Gardner is also in the mix at tackle.

Broc Finlayson returns at guard on a line that allowed only 21 quarterback sacks, tying for the fewest in the league.

Defensive coordinator Larry Kerr wants to be "strong up the middle, like a baseball team." That's a challenge this season, starting with the middle of the line.

Lucas Smith rotated as a third tackle in 2000 and will probably join Patrick Goodpaster, a highly regarded redshirt freshman. Converted end Josh Steward and Kelesio Howard are other candidates.

Junior left end Peter Hogan, who made seven tackles for a loss, is a "tough, solid guy," Kerr says. Overcoming injuries, Chad McGuckin could be a force at the other end.

Middle linebacker David Vickers becomes the top playmaker after ranking third on the team in tackles last year. Eric Pauly and Doug Heald will compete at one outside position, while Adam Wade returns at the other spot after being injured in last season's third game.

The secondary looks like one of CSU's strengths, starting with cornerback Justin Gallimore. He intercepted three passes and deflected 10 others, and made history when he and his twin brother Jason both scored defensive touchdowns against Wyoming.

Jason Gallimore played a lot as a nickel back and will compete at free safety with Guy Porter, CSU's only JC recruit. Aaron Sprague is a dependable strong safety who had two interceptions and two fumble recoveries.

At the other corner, Rhett Nelson, who missed half the season with an injury, will compete with sophomore Dexter Wynn.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR	27	Dallas Davis (Sr., 3)	87	Joey Cuppari (Jr., 2)
WR	**4**	**Pete Rebstock (Sr., 3)**	85	Eric Hill (So., 1)
TE	**88**	**Jose Ochoa (Sr., 3)**	89	James Sondrup (So., 1)
WT	**60**	**David Shohet (Sr., 3)**	64	Aaron Green (Jr., 1)
WG	**69**	**Morgan Pears (Jr., 2)**	68	Broderick Lancaster (Sr., 3)
C	70	Mark Dreyer (So., 0)	74	Erik Pears (Fr., 0)
SG	**73**	**Broc Finlayson (Sr., 1)**	68	Broderick Lancaster (Sr., 3)
ST	76	Terrell Gardner (So., 1)	74	Erik Pears (Fr., 0)
QB	7	D.J. Busch (So., 0)	11	Bradlee Van Pelt (So., 0)
RB	**32**	**Cecil Sapp (Jr., 1)**	3	Rahsaan Sanders (Jr., 2)
HB	82	Brad Svoboda (Sr., 3)	86	Matt Baldischwiler (So., 1)

Defense (6)

LE	**46**	**Peter Hogan (Jr., 2)**	84	Wallace Thomas (Jr., 2)
LT	99	Patrick Goodpaster (Fr., 0)	49	Josh Steward (Jr., 2)
RT	55	Lucas Smith (Sr., 3)	98	Kelesio Howard (So., 0)
RE	43	Chad McGuckin (Sr., 3)	**58**	**Geoff Graue (Sr., 1)**
LB	9	Adam Wade (So., 1)	56	Rocky Martin (Sr., 3)
LB	**37**	**David Vickers (Jr., 2)**	50	Drew Wood (So., 1)
LB	33	Eric Pauly (So., 1)	**44**	**Doug Heald (Jr., 2)**
CB	**26**	**Justin Gallimore (Sr., 2)**	2	Thal Woods (Sr., 3)
CB	20	Rhett Nelson (Jr., 2)	5	Dexter Wynn (So., 1)
FS	22	Jason Gallimore (Sr., 3)	6	Guy Porter (Jr., 0)
SS	**29**	**Aaron Sprague (Sr., 3)**	31	Ameer Lowe (Sr., 3)

Special Teams

K	23	Kent Naughton (Sr., 0)
P	34	Joey Huber (Jr., 1)
KR	4	Pete Rebstock (Sr., 3)
PR	27	Dallas Davis (Sr., 3)

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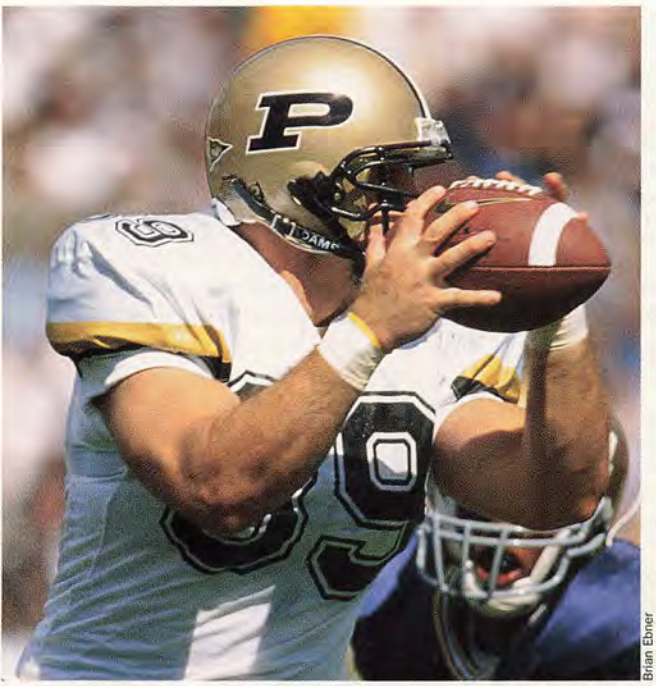
Head Coach: Sonny Lubick — **2000 Record (MWC): 10-2 (6-1)**
2001 Prediction: 1st MWC — **Hughes Stadium (30,000)**

Purdue Boilermakers

24

The Drew Brees offensive show has exited West Lafayette, and now the Boilermakers are getting a bit defensive about where their team stands after making its rare Rose Bowl appearance in January.

Brees, the Big Ten's all-time leading passer, meant everything to coach Joe Tiller's sophisticated spread offense. And while the Purdue faithful mourn his departure, along with four starters on the offensive line, they can take heart in the fact that 10 of 11 defensive starters return from last year's co-Big Ten championship team. "Around here, you always hear about the offense, but this year we have a chance to go into the season as the guys who are going to carry the team," defensive end Akin Ayodele says.



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Tim Stratton

11,792 Drew Brees' career passing yardage, which surpassed Chuck Long's Big Ten record of 10,461.

No matter how good the defense is — and it will be very good — the Purdue offense will still have to put points on the board.

And the responsibility of leading the Purdue attack falls on Brandon Hance, a redshirt freshman. Hance, who has been through two spring practices, has a good command of the complex Purdue offense, and Tiller likes how well Hance can throw on the run.

Concerns about quarterback depth could be relieved when freshmen Kyle Orton and Mike Rhinehart, a pair of high school All-Americans, arrive in the fall.

While Brees dazzled with his arm and his scrambling ability, the Boilermakers made significant strides in their running attack a year ago. Montrell Lowe is a short, stocky runner who's hard to bring down. He handled the majority of carries and returns as the leading rusher, averaging 83.2 yards per game. But look for Sedrick Brown, who averaged nearly six yards a carry, to have a breakout year.

The time has come to replace 1,000-yard receiver Vinny Sutherland, and as good as Sutherland was, it shouldn't be too hard. John Standeford, Seth Morales, Andre Henderson, A.T. Simpson and Chris James will all see plenty of playing time in the spread, as will redshirt freshman Taylor Stubblefield. Standeford was second in receiving yards behind Sutherland last season.

And don't forget Tim Stratton, a prototype tight end with terrific blocking ability and great hands. Purdue's third-leading receiver last year, Stratton brought home the inaugural John Mackey Award as the nation's best tight end.

The Boilermakers will debut a new-look offensive line now that four starters are gone. And with a new quarterback to block for, this is the most critical rebuilding project. Former tight end Pete Lougheed, primarily a blocker at his old position, moved to left tackle in spring. Gene Mruczkowski, the only returning starter, has moved from left guard, where he started 24 games, to center.

Kelly Butler will take over at right tackle, and Kelly Kitchel, formerly a backup tackle, is at left guard. Rob Turner, a three-game starter last season, is the starting right guard.

There a few concerns, however, on the other side of the line of scrimmage. Ayodele, a 2000 second-team All-Big Ten pick, is aggressive and likes to haunt the quarterback — he had a team-high nine sacks last season. Shaun Phillips, who had seven sacks and 14 tackles for a loss, will be back at his station on the other end.

Right tackle Matt Mitrione has played in all 37 games since arriving at Purdue three years ago and has started the last 35. Mitrione and sophomore Craig Terrill could be two of the best tackles in the Big Ten this fall.

Because they're loaded with talent at linebacker, the Purdue defensive coaches have toyed with the idea of a move from the 4-3 to the 3-4. Joe Odom will be back in the middle, Landon Johnson is on the weak side and 2000 Freshman All-American Gilbert Gardner on the strong side.

Free safety Stuart Schweigert was absolutely dominant last season, and he was only a freshman. He led the team in tackles with 85 and intercepted five passes on his way to Big Ten Freshman of the Year honors. Ashante Woodyard will start at left corner with Ralph Turner, who had four sacks last year, at strong safety.

The only new starter in the secondary — and on the defense as a whole — is redshirt freshman Antwaun Rogers, who will start at the right cornerback. Rogers boasts blistering speed and is aggressive in run support.

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

WR	**84**	**Seth Morales (Jr., 1)**	2	Gary Heaggans (Fr., 0)
WR	83	Andre Henderson (So., 1)	80	A.T. Simpson (Sr., 3)
LT	93	Pete Lougheed (Jr., 2)	75	Tyler Moore (Fr., 0)
LG	68	Kelly Kitchel (Jr., 0)	70	Sean Rufolo (Sr., 0)
C	**79**	**Gene Mruczkowski (Jr., 2)**	74	Nick Pilipauskis (So. 0)
RG	54	Rob Turner (Jr., 2)	52	Max Miller (Jr., 0)
RT	71	Kelly Butler (Fr., 0)	63	Dave Owen (Fr., 0)
TE	**89**	**Tim Stratton (Sr., 3)**	81	Chris Randolph (Sr., 3)
WR	82	John Standeford (So., 1)	21	Taylor Stubblefield (Fr., 0)
QB	4	Brandon Hance (Fr., 0)	28	Carl Buergler (Jr., 0)
RB	**3**	**Montrell Lowe (Jr., 2)**	36	Sedrick Brown (Jr., 2)

Defense (10)

LE	**13**	**Akin Ayodele (Sr., 2)**	62	Vedran Dzolovic (So., 0)
LT	**92**	**Craig Terrill (So., 1)**	94	Luke Burroughs (So., 0)
RT	**98**	**Matt Mitrione (Sr., 3)**	96	Mike Lawrence (Fr., 0)
RE	**53**	**Shaun Phillips (So., 1)**	40	Kevin Nesfield (So., 0)
LB	**47**	**Landon Johnson (So., 1)**	88	Jason Loerzel (Sr., 3)
LB	**51**	**Joe Odom (Jr., 2)**	41	Alex Tone (Jr., 1)
LB	**16**	**Gilbert Gardner (So., 1)**	34	Niko Koutouvides (So., 1)
LC	**7**	**Ashante Woodyard (Sr., 1)**	28	Jacques Reeves (So., 1)
RC	12	Antwaun Rogers (Fr., 0)	6	Deaunte Ferrell (So., 1)
SS	**8**	**Ralph Turner (Jr., 2)**	38	Brady Doe (Sr., 3)
FS	**9**	**Stuart Schweigert (So., 1)**	38	Brady Doe (Sr., 3)

Special Teams

K	30	Travis Dorsch (Sr., 3)
P	11	Scott Kurz (Sr., 1)
KR	6	Deaunte Ferrell (So., 1)
PR	21	Taylor Stubblefield (Fr., 0)

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Head Coach: Joe Tiller — **2000 Record (Big Ten): 8–4 (6–2)**
2001 Prediction: 4th Big Ten — **Ross-Ade Stadium (67,861)**

Louisville Cardinals

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Has there been a changing of the guard in Conference USA? Louisville may have jumped past Southern Miss last fall. The Cardinals won their first league title in 2000 and played in a bowl game for the third consecutive season under coach John L. Smith.

Now, comes the hard part — staying on top. But with 14 starters back, including C-USA

Tim Clark/Athlon Sports

Dave Ragone

Offensive Player of the Year, quarterback Dave Ragone, the U of L is poised to capture another conference crown.

Ragone jumped from being a relative unknown to the league's best quarterback as a junior. He threw for 2,621 yards and 27 touchdowns and completed 61 percent of his passes.

71.4 The success rate Louisville had scoring touchdowns in the Red Zone.

"He is special, he is really going to be something," Smith says. "And he's only played one year of high school football and one year of college."

Running back Tony Stallings loves the competitive nature of his position. A durable back, Stallings had two games in which he carried the ball 30 or more times and three games in which he topped 100 yards.

Wideout Deion Branch is poised to follow a brilliant junior season which produced a team-high 71 receptions for more than 1,000 yards. Speedster Zek Parker, a partial qualifier out of high school, is expected to be granted a fifth year. Parker's return gives Ragone one more weapon.

Tight end Ronnie Ghent was a surprise first-team all-conference selection last year after making 27 catches for nearly 400 yards and three touchdowns. What made Ghent stand out was his knack for making big catches in marquee games.

With the loss of two all-conference offensive linemen, Louisville will enter the season with some question marks. Aaron Dardzinski will be the veteran of the group, having started 24 straight games. Dardzinski, the weak-side guard, uses his quickness to get outside and make contact. He is a hard-nosed technician. Michael Bowers will be given the opportunity to replace Jason Padget at center. Bowers started the final nine games last year, including seven at strong tackle when Scott Graham was sidelined with a broken foot.

The success of the Cardinal's defensive line this fall will depend on the success of ends Dewayne White and Michael Josiah. White, with 52 tackles and 12 sacks, was honored as a third-team freshman All-American. Because of losses to graduation, White, who played some end, will likely end up at tackle.

Josiah, a former rugby player in Kenya, is the unit's most athletic player. Entering just his sixth season of organized U.S. football, he has blinding speed off the corner and plays with unbridled emotion. Last year, Josiah tied for the league lead in sacks (13) and was named to the C-USA second-team.

Michael Brown returns for his third season as the bandit back, a hybrid between a linebacker and a safety. As a bandit, Brown, a former high school running back, excels at making adjustments and uses his speed to come up with big plays.

Jeromy Freitag, a former junior college transfer, needed the season's first month to acclimate himself to the Cardinal defense, but he was a significant contributor down the stretch. Jeremy Collins started two of 11 games last season.

Louisville opened spring practice with one returning letterman at cornerback, Josh Minkins. At the other corner, J.T. Haskins and junior college transfer Wilbur Benson will battle. Haskins was a prep quarterback and Benson a JC All-American at San Francisco City College. Freshman Laroni Gallishaw was impressive in the spring and will contend for playing time in the fall.

The U of L will be solid at safety. Anthony Floyd was the only sophomore to be named to the Walter Camp All-America team last year. He tied for the Division I-A lead with 10 interceptions. Curry Burns is an intense defender and a strong run supporter who will be a mature influence in the secondary.

The kicking game is another Louisville strength. Nathan Smith and Wayne Tydlacka will battle for the kicking job after sharing it last season. Tydlacka earned freshman all-conference honors and Smith set a school record with four field goals against Houston. Punter Chris Sivori is a veteran, and Parker gives the Cardinals one of the nation's top kickoff return men. He averaged 28.9 yards per return last fall, a figure that ranked second nationally.

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR	6	Damien Dorsey (Jr., 2)	25	Antoine Harris (Fr., 0)
LT	71	Buster Ashley (Fr., 0)	63	Jontá Woodard (Jr., 0)
LG	**61**	**Aaron Dardzinski (Sr., 3)**	60	Chris Thigpen (Jr., 0)
C	**67**	**Michael Bowers (Sr., 1)**	72	Ariel Rodriguez (Jr., 2)
RG	64	Antoine Sims (Jr., 2)	69	Jason Hilliard (So., 1)
RT	**76**	**Rob Eble (Sr., 3)**	74	Jason Weathers (So., 1)
TE	**86**	**Ronnie Ghent (Jr., 1)**	89	Richard Owens (So., 1)
QB	**15**	**Dave Ragone (Jr., 2)**	17	Stefan LeFors (Fr., 0)
RB	**27**	**Tony Stallings (Sr., 3)**	32	Chris Lester (Sr., 1)
WR	**80**	**Zek Parker (Sr., 3)**	88	Victor Glenn (So., 1)
WR	**8**	**Deion Branch (Sr., 1)**	82	J.R. Russell (Fr., 0)

Defense (6)

DE	**99**	**Dewayne White (So., 1)**	56	Marcus Jones (Fr., 0)
DT	48	Bobby Leffew (Fr., 0)	41	Koby Clark (Sr., 1)
DT	90	Scott Lopez (So., 1)	93	Tyrone Saterfield (Fr., 0)
DE	**92**	**Michael Josiah (Jr., 2)**	95	Devon Thomas (Jr., 2)
LB	53	Jeremy Collins (Jr., 2)	98	Chad Lee (Jr., 2)
LB	**51**	**Jeromy Freitag (Sr., 1)**	40	Rod Day (So., 1)
LB	**35**	**Michael Brown (Jr., 2)**	37	Michael Everett (So., 1)
CB	5	Josh Minkins (So., 1)	42	Laroni Gallishaw (Fr., 0)
SS	**12**	**Curry Burns (Jr., 2)**	34	Ray Childs (Fr., 0)
FS	**24**	**Anthony Floyd (Jr., 2)**	4	Brian Gaines (Sr., 3)
CB	29	Wilbur Benson (Jr., 0)	31	J.T. Haskins (Fr., 0)

Special Teams

K	36	Wade Tydlacka (So., 1)
P	43	Chris Sivori (Jr., 2)
KR	80	Zek Parker (Sr., 3)
PR	8	Deion Branch (Sr., 1)

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Head Coach: John L. Smith **2000 Record (C-USA): 9-3 (6-1)**
2001 Prediction: 1st C-USA **Papa John's Cardinal Stadium (42,000)**

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Georgia Bulldogs

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Georgia hasn't won a national championship in more than two decades. The Bulldogs now have a coach who comes from a program that won two in the last eight years. Former Florida State offensive coordinator Mark Richt replaces Jim Donnan, who was fired because he couldn't beat rivals Auburn, Florida, Georgia Tech and Tennessee enough to satisfy the school's fans.

Bruce Schwartzman

Terrence Edwards

Richt inherits a program that is on the cusp of the upper echelon of the SEC. "This program is not in dire straits," Richt says. "It's hard to say how far away it is. It could be quick; it could take a little time."

> **4** Consecutive seasons in which Georgia has won at least eight games. If the Bulldogs match that number this season, it would be the longest such streak in school history.

Quincy Carter left for the NFL, leaving Cory Phillips and David Greene to compete for the QB job. The battle might not be settled until days before the season opener. "It's a new system," Richt says. "It's a new way of handling the blitz and new footwork. They've got new terminology and a lot of new responsibilities. I'm waiting for the fog to clear a little bit."

Phillips has a strong arm and is confident in the pocket, but he lacks height and mobility. The left-handed Greene seemed to close the gap this spring. Greene is two inches taller and is more athletic, but he lacks experience.

Musa Smith might be the Bulldogs' most talented runner in years, but can he stay healthy? He was plagued by knee and shoulder injuries as a freshman, then broke his foot in spring practice. There is not much depth behind him, with Jasper Sanks moving to fullback. Tony Milton might have to play as a freshman if he qualifies academically.

The top six receivers return. Terrence Edwards and Damien Gary are legitimate All-SEC candidates and both have big-play ability. Reggie Brown is a burner whose hands need to improve, and Durell Robinson could be a factor after he serves a four-game suspension to start the season. LaBrone Mitchell might be the team's best downfield blocker, and redshirt freshman Tavarus Morgan is a rising star.

The deepest position is tight end, where five players are battling for playing time. Randy McMichael should overcome the inconsistency that plagued him last season. Jason Rader might have the best hands on the team.

Because two starters graduated and recruiting for the unit has been weak, the offensive line is the biggest concern. The returning starters include tackle Jon Stinchcomb, center Curt McGill and guard Kevin Breedlove. Guard Alex Jackson and tackle George Foster played last season and are the leading candidates for the vacancies.

The defensive line figures to lose some of its punch after All-SEC tackles Richard Seymour and Marcus Stroud graduated.

Johnathan Sullivan might be more talented than the departed starters. Improving David Jacobs inherits the nose tackle spot, but there is little depth behind them.

There's depth at end with Charles Grant and Terin Smith back. More than a year removed from knee surgery, Grant should be quicker. Josh Mallard also returns. Bruce Adrine, the team's most improved player, is coming off knee surgery.

The linebacking corps once again figures to be a team strength. Tony Gilbert, forced into action last season after Boss Bailey's knee injury, led the team with 96 tackles and should start in the middle. Will Witherspoon will start on the weak side, and Bailey will return to the strong side if he recovers from surgery. Adrian Hollingshed will try to revive his career under the new coaching staff.

Two of the top three cornerbacks graduated, but 10 lettermen return in the secondary. Cornerback Tim Wansley led the SEC with six interceptions last season and has outstanding cover skills. Converted running back Bruce Thornton was the leading candidate in the spring to start at the other corner. He's taller than Wansley and has outstanding speed.

Jermaine Phillips might be the SEC's hardest hitter at strong safety, and free safety Terreal Bierria was fifth on the team with 83 tackles. Safeties Cap Burnett and Kentrell Curry are potential stars.

Jonathan Kilgo might be the top punter in the SEC; he had 13 punts over 50 yards and 15 downed inside the opponents' 20-yard line. Former walk-on Billy Bennett converted 13-of-14 field goals, which was best among SEC regulars. Gary is elusive on punt returns, but the return game was too inconsistent.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

SE	8	**Terrence Edwards (Jr., 2)**	12	**LaBrone Mitchell (Sr., 3)**
LT	71	George Foster (Jr., 2)	72	Clint Larkin (Sr., 2)
LG	79	Alex Jackson (Jr., 2)	69	Randall Kendrick (Jr., 1)
C	54	**Curt McGill (Sr., 2)**	56	Ian Knight (Jr., 1)
RG	70	**Kevin Breedlove (Jr., 2)**	64	Chris Hewitt (So., 1)
RT	78	**Jon Stinchcomb (Jr., 2)**	75	Kareem Marshall (Jr., 0)
TE	86	Randy McMichael (Jr., 2)	89	Ben Watson (Jr., 0)
FL	18	Damien Gary (So., 1)	1	Reggie Brown (So. 1)
QB	16	Cory Phillips (Jr., 2)	14	David Greene, (Fr., 0)
FB	28	Jasper Sanks (Sr., 3)	35	Verron Haynes (Sr., 2)
TB	32	**Musa Smith (So., 1)**	38	Kenny Bailey (So., 1)

Defense (7)

RE	19	**Charles Grant (Jr., 2)**	85	**Terin Smith (Sr., 3)**
T	57	Johnathan Sullivan (So., 1)	91	Shedrick Wynn (So., 1)
NT	99	David Jacobs (Jr., 2)	65	Ben Lowe (Jr., 1)
LE	98	Josh Mallard (Sr., 3)	94	Bruce Adrine (Sr., 3)
LB	45	Boss Bailey (Jr., 2)	88	Chris Clemons (So., 1)
LB	42	**Tony Gilbert (Jr., 2)**	44	Adrian Hollingshed (Sr., 3)
LB	46	**Will Witherspoon (Sr., 3)**	43	Ryan Fleming (Sr., 3)
WC	7	Bruce Thornton (So., 1)	27	Brandon Williams (Jr., 0)
SC	2	**Tim Wansley (Sr., 3)**	11	Dantra Clements (So., 1)
SS	5	**Jermaine Phillips (Sr., 3)**	23	Cap Burnett (Jr., 2)
FS	15	**Terreal Bierria (Jr., 2)**	6	Sean Jones (Fr., 0)

Special Teams

K	30	Billy Bennett (So., 1)
P	83	Jonathan Kilgo (Jr., 2)
KR	18	Damien Gary (So., 1)
PR	18	Damien Gary (So., 1)

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Head Coach: Mark Richt — **2000 Record (SEC): 8–4 (5–3)**
2001 Prediction: 3rd SEC East — **Sanford Stadium (86,520)**

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Colorado Buffaloes

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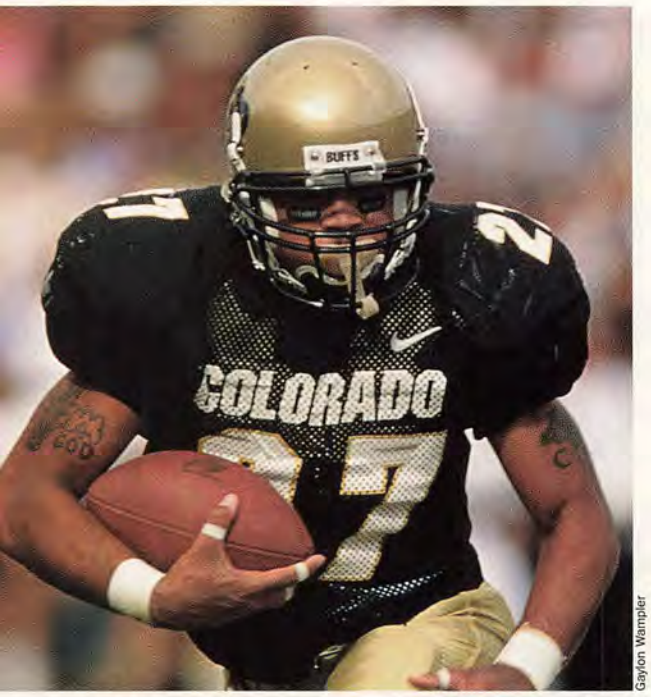
Colorado walked on the wrong side of a fine line in 2000. A penalty, a turnover, a mistake, an injury — "If it's not one thing that hurts us, it's another," coach Gary Barnett said late last season.

The youthful Buffaloes were inconsistent. They got off to a bad start against the nation's fourth-toughest schedule. And they could never recover, posting the program's worst record since 1984.



Gaylon Wampler

Cortlen Johnson

Barnett, however, is confident Colorado's 3–8 record was an aberration, not the beginning of a trend. He says the Buffaloes have "a chance to be a really good football team."

The coach's optimism is due, in part, to the emergence of Craig Ochs, who won CU's starting quarterback job as a true freshman.

40 The number of games since Colorado has used the same starting lineup on offense for two games in a row. The last time was in 1997.

Ochs' debut was auspicious. He came off the bench to produce 246 yards of total offense and two touchdowns against a Kansas State defense ranked No. 1 in the nation at the time. And he finished by completing 21 of his final 30 passes for 235 yards and a touchdown against Nebraska. Ochs, a 59.2-percent passer, is a proven playmaker, and with Bobby Pesavento, who completed nearly 60 percent of his passes, as the backup, the Buffaloes should be set.

The Buffaloes are also well-stocked at running back, where Cortlen Johnson, Marcus Houston and Bobby Purify should form one of the best backfield combinations in the Big 12.

Houston, the biggest of the three, showed flashes of brilliance in his brief appearance as a true freshman. The former prep All-American suffered a hip flexor injury in the third game and was granted a medical hardship. "(Marcus) reminds me more of an Eric Dickerson than anyone," Barnett says. "He's probably even a little quicker. He's at full-speed in two steps. But he's a big back like that."

Colorado's passing game features the tight end as much as any team in the league. Senior Daniel Graham, who decided against leaving early for the NFL, led Big 12 tight ends with 33 receptions for 443 yards and one touchdown. Sophomore Quinn Sypniewski is a good complement to Graham in double-tight end alignments.

John Minardi, who caught 31 passes for 424 yards in the final five games, and diminutive Roman Hollowell, the team's fastest player, are the projected starting wideouts.

The Colorado offense will operate behind one of the top offensive lines in the Big 12. Andre Gurode, being promoted as an Outland Trophy candidate, did not miss a snap last season, despite battling knee, shoulder and ankle problems. He will play guard this fall, but is also a very capable center.

Tackle Victor Rogers, who underwent seven surgeries in a 15-month period, can be similarly dominating when he's healthy. He has allowed only one quarterback sack during the past two years. Juniors Ryan Gray and Justin Bates are proven players, with the fifth interior starter coming from a group that includes sophomores Karl Allis and Marwan Hage.

Only one starter returns on a defensive front which must do a better job stopping the run. Senior tackle Justin Bannan, who ties up blockers and regularly draws double teams, is the only proven performer. Sophomore DeAndre Fluellen, a junior college transfer, could provide immediate help. Sophomore Marques Harris is considered a can't-miss prospect at rush end.

Improved play from the defensive line will help linebacker Jashon Sykes, a Butkus Award candidate, increase his productivity. Sykes recorded 111 tackles and 3.5 sacks, but called his 2000 season a disappointment.

Aaron Killion and Andy Peeke join Sykes on the inside. Peeke, who can play either inside position, makes up for his lack of size by being in position to make plays. Kory Mossoni is the projected starter on the outside.

The starting secondary returns, led by senior safeties Michael Lewis and Robbie Robinson. Lewis, the team's co-Most Valuable Player, led Big 12 defensive backs with 117 tackles. Phil Jackson has settled in at one corner, with Donald Strickland or Roderick Sneed at the other. Strickland's health is a concern. He's been bothered by concussions and was held out of practice in the spring.

Barnett must get his kicking game straightened out if CU hopes to start winning the close games. The Buffs, who had the worst field goal percentage in the Big 12 (45 percent), lost three games by three points or less last fall.

Depth Chart

Offense (10)

WR	**2**	**John Minardi (Sr., 3)**	14	Cedric Cormier (Sr., 3)
WR	5	Roman Hollowell (Sr., 3)	80	Derek McCoy (So., 1)
ST	**77**	**Justin Bates (Jr., 2)**	61	Dan Major (So., 0)
SG	62	Marwan Hage (So., 1)	70	Rawle King (Jr., 0)
C	**74**	**Ryan Gray (Jr., 2)**	78	Wayne Lucier (Jr., 0)
TG	**65**	**Andre Gurode (Sr., 3)**	**69**	**Karl Allis (So., 1)**
TT	**71**	**Victor Rogers (Sr., 3)**	75	Jordan Gehring (So., 0)
TE	**89**	**Daniel Graham (Sr., 3)**	47	Quinn Sypniewski (So., 1)
QB	**1**	**Craig Ochs (So., 1)**	4	Bobby Pesavento (Sr., 1)
TB	**27**	**Cortlen Johnson (Sr., 3)**	21	Marcus Houston (Fr., 1)
FB	**6**	**Scott Nemeth (Sr., 2)**	33	Brandon Drumm (Jr., 2)

Defense (8)

DE	30	Marques Harris (So., 1)	60	Matt McChesney (So., 1)
DT	**97**	**Justin Bannan (Sr., 3)**	98	Brandon Dabdoub (Fr., 0)
DT	95	Sam Taulealea (Jr., 2)	69	Brandon Boswell (Jr., 0)
DE	99	Tyler Brayton (Jr., 2)	90	Sam Wilder (Fr., 0)
ILB	56	Aaron Killion (Jr., 2)	**34**	**Andy Peeke (Sr., 3)**
ILB	**7**	**Jashon Sykes (Sr., 3)**	**34**	**Andy Peeke (Sr., 3)**
OLB	**12**	**Kory Mossoni (Jr., 2)**	16	Drew Wahlroos (Jr., 2)
LCB	**4**	**Donald Strickland (Jr., 2)**	26	Roderick Sneed (Sr., 2)
SS	**31**	**Michael Lewis (Sr., 3)**	29	Matt Duren (Sr., 0)
FS	**9**	**Robbie Robinson (Sr., 2)**	49	Jeff Brunson (Sr., 0)
RCB	**6**	**Phil Jackson (So., 1)**	23	Terrence Wood (Sr., 3)

Special Teams

K	3	Jeremy Flores (Sr., 1)
P	3	Jeremy Flores (Sr., 1)
KR	5	Roman Hollowell (Sr., 3)
PR	5	Roman Hollowell (Sr., 3)

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Head Coach: Gary Barnett — 2000 Record (Big 12): 3-8 (3-5)
2001 Prediction: 3rd Big 12 North — Folsom Field (51,869)

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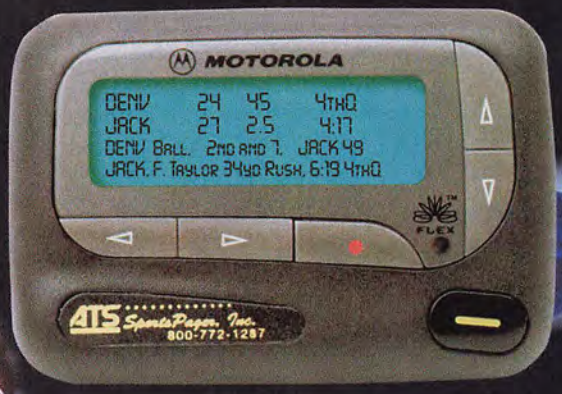

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Pittsburgh Panthers

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The big-timers came calling this past off-season for coach Walt Harris. Alabama interviewed him. Ohio State tried to interview him. The NFL's new Houston franchise said it planned to interview him. "The attention is nice, but I have something to build here," he says. Harris is out to build the Panthers into a Top 25 team and a major bowl contender. He returns 11 starters on defense and six on offense from a squad that finished 7–5 and reached the Insight.com Bowl.

Steve Moore

Antonio Bryant

If the running game doesn't come together, Pittsburgh's vaunted passing game, led by Biletnikoff Award-winning wideout Antonio Bryant, will be rendered ineffective. But if the running game produces, look for the Panthers to battle for the Big East crown.

35 Number of sacks registered by the Pittsburgh defense in 2000, the most in the Big East.

Unlike past seasons, there is no quarterback controversy. David Priestley is out to prove that he is 100 percent healthy after undergoing surgery on his throwing shoulder following the 1999 season. He struggled last year as a backup, but insists that he is back to form.

Priestley was the hottest quarterback in the nation during a three-game stretch in 1999 that saw him average 357 yards per game. He has a good grasp of Harris' complex West Coast offense, and he has a good working relationship with Bryant. Spelling Priestley will be sophomore Rod Rutherford, a running quarterback who has gamebreaking speed.

The Panthers have no experienced tailbacks. Only two were available for spring drills — freshmen Mike Jemison and Malcolm Postell — and neither is ready to take over. Look for fullbacks Lousaka Polite and Dustin Picciotti to work out of the backfield together, one at tailback and one at fullback, until a newcomer emerges.

At receiver, Bryant is as aggressive as they come in going after the ball and has an uncanny knack for getting open. He should create opportunities for a group of wideouts who have been waiting their turn, including R.J. English, a speedster who is expected to be fully recovered from off-season knee surgery, and Lamar Slade, who has the best hands on the team.

Two big questions on the offensive line: Can Chad Reed fill the void left by Jeff McCurley at center? Can Matt Morgan be an effective left tackle in his first full year as a starter? If the answers are yes, the line can be a strength.

Guard Bryan Anderson has started all but two games since his freshman year, and guard Jon Schall started 10 games last season as a freshman. That duo helped pave the way for an improved Panther running game. Khi Downey, who has 15 career starts, will be the right tackle.

If there is a way to block defensive end Bryan Knight, nobody has figured it out. Knight set a Big East record with 26 tackles for a loss and logged 11.5 sacks, earning first-team all-conference honors. On the other side, Ryan Smith has similar assets. If he's healthy — he had off-season back surgery — Pittsburgh's bookends could be among the best in the conference. Again.

Lining up on the inside is returning starter and All-Big East candidate Joe Conlin, Pitt's resident run stopper. Opposite him is the only spot on the defense that does not return a starter from 2000.

Pittsburgh is loaded with superior athletes at linebacker — seven in all — and all are legitimate candidates to start. Amir Purifoy, Gerald Hayes and Lewis Moore might be the quickest trio in the Big East and all are capable of earning all-conference honors. All three are ballhawks and all three run the 40-yard dash in under 4.7 seconds.

Free safety Ramon Walker may be the hardest hitter at Pittsburgh in years. He is a guy who makes receivers and backs pay for entering his territory. Walker is the linchpin in a secondary that, surprisingly, elevated the Panthers in 2000. Shawn Robinson, a pesky cover guy at cornerback, had six interceptions as he rotated with William Ferguson (two picks), Shawntae Spencer (two picks) and converted tailback Torrie Cox. Look for Cox to emerge as the unit's playmaker. Scrappy Mark Ponko is back at strong safety.

Senior Nick Lotz returns as the No. 1 kicker for the third straight year after hitting 10-of-15 field goals last fall. Punting duties will be handled by sophomore Andy Lee, who averaged 39.2 yards per kick in 2000.

Cox, who took a kickoff back 86 yards for a score, and Bryant (11.3 yards per return) will field kickoffs and punts, respectively. Rutherford is also a viable return man who posted a kickoff-return average of 21.5 yards in 12 tries.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

SE	**80 Antonio Bryant (Jr., 2)**	84 R.J. English (Sr., 3)
LT	**75 Matt Morgan (So., 1)**	59 Dan LaCarte (So., 1)
LG	**71 Jon Schall (So., 1)**	66 Penny Semaia (So., 1)
C	64 Chad Reed (Jr., 2)	62 Justin Belarski (Fr., 0)
RG	**77 Bryan Anderson (Jr., 2)**	78 Rob Petitti (Fr., 0)
RT	72 Khiawatha Downey (Jr., 2)	70 Joe Manganello (Jr., 2)
TE	95 Mike Bosnic (Sr., 3)	**83 Kris Wilson (So., 1)**
QB	11 David Priestley (Sr., 2)	12 Rod Rutherford (So., 1)
FB	**32 Lousaka Polite (So., 1)**	30 Dustin Picciotti (So., 1)
RB	24 Mike Jemison (Fr., 0)	6 Malcolm Postell (Fr., 0)
FL	86 Lamar Slade (Jr., 2)	84 R.J. English (Sr., 3)

Defense (11)

DE	**58 Ryan Smith (Jr., 2)**	47 Brian Guzek (Jr., 1)
NT	63 Darrell McMurray (So., 1)	94 Dan Stephens (Fr., 0)
DT	**98 Joe Conlin (Sr., 3)**	96 Vince Crochunis (Fr., 0)
DE	**57 Bryan Knight (Sr., 3)**	90 Claude Harriott (So., 1)
LB	**51 Gerald Hayes (Jr., 2)**	**34 Brandon Williams (Sr., 3)**
LB	55 Ryan Gonsales (Sr., 3)	**9 Amir Purifoy (Sr., 3)**
LB	48 Lewis Moore (So., 1)	**15 Brian Beinecke (Jr., 2)**
CB	**19 Shawntae Spencer (So., 1)**	5 Torrie Cox (Jr., 2)
SS	**14 Mark Ponko (Sr., 3)**	28 Gary Urschler (Jr., 2)
FS	**25 Ramon Walker (Jr., 2)**	17 Corey Humphries (So., 1)
CB	**7 Shawn Robinson (Jr., 2)**	27 William Ferguson (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	35 Nick Lotz (Sr., 3)
P	36 Andy Lee (So., 1)
KR	5 Torrie Cox (Jr., 2)
PR	80 Antonio Bryant (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Walt Harris — 2000 Record (Big East): 7-5 (4-3)
2001 Prediction: 3rd Big East — New North Shore stadium (65,000)

NC State Wolfpack

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Soon after being named NC State's coach last year, Chuck Amato was told by many Wolfpack fans that, oh, eight or nine wins would be nice. "Yeah," he would reply, "maybe over three years."

Then the Pack did win eight games in 2000. And then Wolfpack fans starting talking about eight or nine wins again this year.

There are holes to fill, to be sure. The Wolfpack lost receiver Koren Robinson and safety Adrian Wilson to the draft. But NC State returns quarterback Philip Rivers and All-America linebacker Levar Fisher, the ACC's Defensive Player of the Year. Eight or more wins now seems a reachable target.

Joe Robbins

Philip Rivers

3,054 The number of passing yards Philip Rivers had last year, the most for a freshman in ACC history.

The Pack is set at QB with Rivers, who is only 19 but plays like he's 30. He's mature, he's cool under center, he makes good decisions and he's accurate. By the end of last season, Rivers had set 10 ACC or school records. But Robinson accounted for 1,061 of those yards and offensive coordinator Norm Chow called the plays. The question now: Can Rivers repeat that kind of production with "K-Rob" in the NFL and Chow at USC?

The Wolfpack still has a Robinson. Running back Ray Robinson is tough and durable and churned out a respectable 788 yards in the Pack's pass-first offense. With a more balanced attack this year, he could make a run at 1,000 yards. The fullback position is unsettled. Cotra Jackson could be used, although Chance Moyer has been shifted from defensive line to fullback in the spring.

Koren Robinson will be missed, but the Wolfpack feels it can replace him in numbers. Bryan Peterson is a proven receiver and Jerricho Cotchery had his moments last year. Tight end Willie Wright may have the best hands on the team and tied for the ACC lead among tight ends with 31 catches.

Promising freshmen Tramain Hall and Sterling Hicks have the speed and shiftiness that give them big-play potential and they could quickly get on the field.

There's not much depth on the offensive line, so the starters must stay injury-free. Center Keegan Weir and tackle Scott Kooistra return from injuries, which is a plus, and tackle Chris Colmer could be one of the ACC's best.

Derek Green filled in at center when Weir was lost in the 2000 opener and was dependable. Guards Reggie Poole and William Brown played nearly every snap.

On the defensive front, steady end Corey Smith again will be a leader, Sean Locklear had a solid freshman year and Ricky Fowler and George Anderson have showed flashes of good play. Jerrick Hall emerged in the course of the 2000 season and should help.

State picked up a pair of book-end defensive ends from Los Angeles Valley College, Shawn Price and Terrance Chapman, who are aggressive and should provide speed off the edge. Terrance Martin, from Hinds (Miss.) Community College, could push for a starting spot at tackle.

Few, if any, defensive players in the country are better than outside linebacker Levar Fisher. He's a nonstop hitter who always seems to find the football; he led the nation in tackles in 2000. He's also effective in pass coverage, having broken up eight passes a year ago.

Senior Brian Jamison has been shifted from end to linebacker and gives the Pack size and speed; he leads returnees with 5.5 sacks in 2000. Dantonio Burnette may not have much size, but he makes up for it with toughness. Roger Pollard played as a true freshman last year and impressed, and Andrew Purcell may earn more time this year.

Rover Adrian Wilson left early for the NFL but free safety Terrence Holt and veteran corner Brian Williams will head up a solid secondary. Corner J.J. Washington returns from a knee injury. James Walker started seven games last fall, improved and became a dependable corner filling in for Washington. Julius Patterson, Quenton Allen and freshman J.J. Jones could vie to replace Wilson.

As a freshman, Austin Herbert handled the punting and kickoffs. He was somewhat effective at both, dropping 15 punts inside the 20. This year, he adds placekicking to his responsibilities.

Koren Robinson was a dangerous kick returner, and the Wolfpack must find a capable replacement for him in fall camp. Patterson and Peterson could get opportunities. Holt was an effective weapon on special teams last fall, blocking three kicks.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR	82	Jerricho Cotchery (So., 1)	86	Andy Bertrand (So., 1)
LT	**70**	**Chris Colmer (So., 1)**	63	Matt Broel (Sr., 0)
LG	**78**	**William Brown (Sr., 1)**	59	Travis Brinson (So., 0)
C	54	Keegan Weir (Sr., 3)	**73**	**Derek Green (Jr., 2)**
RG	**50**	**Reggie Poole (Sr., 1)**	72	Joe Lardino (Jr., 1)
RT	75	Scott Kooistra (Jr., 2)	64	Tim Turner (Jr., 1)
TE	**80**	**Willie Wright (Sr., 1)**	88	Andy Vanderveer (Sr., 2)
QB	**17**	**Philip Rivers (So., 1)**	19	Olin Hannum (Sr., 1)
FB	49	Chance Moyer (Fr., 0)	25	Cotra Jackson (Jr., 2)
RB	**5**	**Ray Robinson (Sr., 3)**	12	K.J. Stone (Jr., 1)
WR	2	Bryan Peterson (Jr., 2)	27	Troy Graham (So., 0)

Defense (7)

DE	**48**	**Corey Smith (Sr., 3)**	34	George Anderson (Jr., 1)
DT	76	Ricky Fowler (So., 1)	**95**	**Darius Bryant (Sr., 3)**
DT	93	Jerrick Hall (Jr., 2)	94	Sean Locklear (So., 1)
DE	94	Sean Locklear (So., 1)	92	Shane Riggs (Jr., 1)
LB	20	Brian Jamison (Sr., 3)	39	Roger Pollard (So., 1)
LB	**45**	**Dantonio Bumette (Jr., 2)**	20	Brian Jamison (Sr., 3)
LB	**44**	**Levar Fisher (Sr., 3)**	39	Roger Pollard (So., 1)
ROV	32	Julius Patterson (Jr., 2)	35	J.J. Jones (Fr., 0)
FS	**9**	**Terrence Holt (Jr., 2)**	6	Rod Johnson (Jr., 2)
CB	**13**	**James Walker (So., 1)**	8	Victor Stephens (So., 1)
CB	**29**	**Brian Williams (Sr., 3)**	41	J.J. Washington (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	30	Austin Herbert (So., 1)
P	30	Austin Herbert (So., 1)
KR	32	Julius Patterson (Jr., 2)
PR	2	Bryan Peterson (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Chuck Amato — **2000 Record (ACC): 8–4 (4–4)**
2001 Prediction: 4th ACC — **Carter-Finley Stadium (51,500)**

Texas Tech Red Raiders

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Texas Tech coach Mike Leach began last spring's practices by showing a scene from the movie *Braveheart* in which Mel Gibson addresses his out-manned Scottish troops before battling the British. The message: When facing superior competition, the Raiders should fight like William Wallace instead of wilting like wallflowers.

In Leach's first season, the Raiders took care of business against lesser teams, going 7–0 against foes that failed to make a bowl game. On the other hand, Tech was 0–6 against teams that went bowling in 2000.

"The Big 12 is the best conference in America, and I'm proud to be part of it," says Leach. "But that means we have to toughen up against top teams."

Layne Murdoch

Kliff Kingsbury

3,418 Kliff Kingsbury passed for a school-record 3,418 yards in 2000. Previously, only two Tech players (Billy Joe Tolliver and Robert Hall) had ever passed for more than 2,200 yards in a season.

In his first year in Leach's system and his first year as a starting quarterback, Kliff Kingsbury set the school record for passing yards in a season with 3,418. Kingsbury also completed 61.9 percent of his passes and tossed 21 touchdowns.

The backup is sophomore B.J. Symons, who saw limited action as a reserve last fall.

With 66.4 rushing yards per game, Tech ranked 113th among all Division I teams. Part of the problem was an onslaught of injuries up front. Tech must show a dramatic improvement running the football.

Ricky Williams is back for his fifth season and appears to be completely healthy. Williams had reconstructive knee surgery following the 1999 season-opener and never seemed to be himself last year. But if he can revert to 1998 form, when he rushed for the third-most yards in school history (1,582), Tech's offense will benefit.

Tech loses dependable receivers Tim Baker and Derek Dorris, but the Red Raiders are gaining a playmaking game-breaker in Anton Paige, who caught 64 passes for 1,237 yards last year at NW Mississippi CC. Paige participated in Tech's spring drills and wowed teammates with his ability to make big plays.

The Raiders have other promising weapons returning. Cole Roberts is a solid tight end and Darrell Jones also has been impressive. But along with Paige, Tech has a duo of potential difference makers in Carlos Francis and Wes Welker.

Tech was devastated last year with a series of injuries on the offensive line, and three returning players — tackle/guard Rex Richards (shoulder), center Toby Cecil (shoulder) and tackle Paul Erickson (knee) — missed the spring after undergoing surgeries in January. All three are expected back this fall, along with tackle Jason May, who missed most of 2000 with knee injuries.

The good news about all the injuries is that Tech developed some depth, and the offensive front could be much improved.

The Raiders have a potentially impressive defensive line — as long as they can keep healthy bodies in the lineup. Tackle Robert Wyatt had two knee surgeries in the off-season. Tech's other top tackle, Lamont Anderson, missed the final nine games of 2000 with a broken ankle. Both could be solid players if they return healthy this fall. At left end, Aaron Hunt is an all-conference candidate after recording eight sacks last season. Josh Ratliff should step in at right end.

At linebacker, two of the three starters from last year are gone, but the lone returning man in the middle is a monster. Middle linebacker Lawrence Flugence led the Big 12 with 156 tackles last year and also returned a blocked field goal 79 yards for a touchdown.

The most likely candidates to fill the other two openings are Rusty Bucy and Jonathan Hawkins. The NCAA granted Hawkins a sixth year of eligibility after he played in only two games in 2000 because of a broken ankle.

Senior strong safety Kevin Curtis is an All-America candidate and one of the best tacklers in the Big 12. Paul McClendon is the top candidate to start at free safety, while C.J. Johnson is likely to start at left cornerback. On the right side, candidates include Ronald Ross, Eric Cooper, Harold Watson and Ricky Sailor.

Clinton Greathouse will punt. Wich Brenner is the likely kicker.

Welker is also an extremely dangerous return man, breaking two punts for touchdowns in 2000.

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

SE	**87**	**Darrell Jones (Sr., 3)**	82	Carlos Francis (So., 1)
TE	84	Cole Roberts (Sr., 3)	86	Mickey Peters (So., 1)
LT	**65**	**Casey Keck (So., 1)**	60	Daniel Loper (Fr., 0)
LG	**56**	**Matt Heider (Sr., 3)**	64	Cody Campbell (Fr., 0)
C	**66**	**Toby Cecil (So., 1)**	57	Dylan Gandy (Fr., 0)
RG	67	Lance Williams (Sr., 3)	**72**	**Rex Richards (Jr., 2)**
RT	77	Paul Erickson (Sr., 2)	75	Jason May (Jr., 1)
FL	1	Anton Paige (Jr., 0)	88	Nehemiah Glover (Fr., 0)
QB	**16**	**Kliff Kingsbury (Jr., 2)**	4	B.J. Symons (So., 1)
RB	**2**	**Ricky Williams (Sr., 3)**	48	Foy Munlin (So., 1)
IR	**27**	**Wes Welker (So., 1)**	24	King Scovell (Sr., 3)

Defense (4)

LE	**9**	**Aaron Hunt (Jr., 2)**	43	Rashon Rasberry (Sr., 1)
LT	71	Lamont Anderson (Jr., 1)	90	Beau Radney (So., 0)
RT	**99**	**Robert Wyatt (Jr., 2)**	97	Josh Page (Jr., 2)
RE		Josh Ratliff (Jr., 0)	43	Rashon Rasberry (Sr., 1)
LB	53	Rusty Bucy (Jr., 2)	59	Preston Hartfield (Jr., 0)
LB	**51**	**Lawrence Flugence (Jr., 2)**	29	Toby Shain (Jr., 1)
LB	47	Jonathan Hawkins (Sr., 3)	30	Jason Wesley (So., 1)
CB	8	C.J. Johnson (Sr.,1)	12	Damien Chandler (So., 0)
FS	6	Paul McClendon (Sr., 3)	20	B.J. Johnson (So., 1)
SS	**31**	**Kevin Curtis (Sr., 3)**	28	Ryan Aycock (So., 1)
CB	45	Ronald Ross (Sr., 2)	23	Harold Watson (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	18	Wich Brenner (So., 1)
P	98	Clinton Greathouse (Jr., 2)
KR	82	Carlos Francis (So., 1)
PR	27	Wes Welker (So., 1)

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Head Coach: Mike Leach — **2000 Record (Big 12): 7–6 (3–5)**
2001 Prediction: 3rd Big 12 South — **Jones SBC Stadium (50,500)**

BYU Cougars

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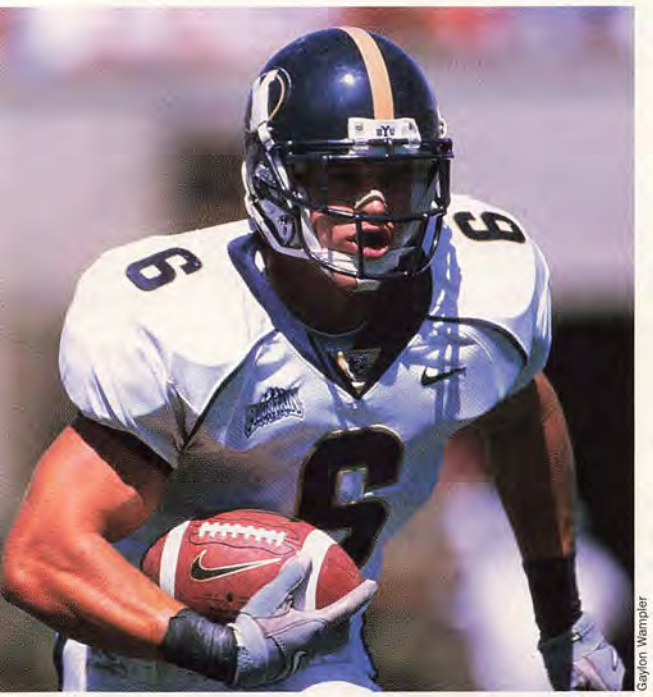
LaVell Edwards could not have left a better situation for Gary Crowton. BYU has not suffered a losing season since 1973, yet Edwards left room for improvement after a 6–6 record in 2000. So Crowton avoids a major rebuilding project in his Utah Valley homecoming and can look good by leading the Cougars to a bowl game.

"This is the only time I've stepped into something that was established," says Crowton, who served as Louisiana Tech's head coach for three seasons and most recently was the Chicago Bears' offensive coordinator. Recent history shows that Crowton's spread offense works better in college, and the Cougars adapted nicely to the scheme in spring practice.



Gaylon Wampler

Luke Staley

30 For the first time in 30 years, BYU did not have a true offensive player named to the all-conference first team.

BYU turned to QB Brandon Doman due to a combination of injury and desperation last November, and he responded by leading the Cougars to victories over New Mexico and Utah. With original starter Bret Engemann missing spring drills while recovering from shoulder surgery and Charlie Peterson sidelined by a broken collarbone in the first scrimmage, Doman maintained his position.

Having played occasionally at running back in 1999, Doman is a mobile athlete with a decent arm and an ability to read coverages.

Running was an afterthought in Crowton's Louisiana Tech offense, but BYU will make good use of Luke Staley and Brian McDonald. Staley has had injury troubles but has starred when healthy in his first two seasons and has scored 20 touchdowns in 19 games. The offense is flexible enough to use power running schemes with one or more tight ends, instead of running strictly out of spread sets.

BYU has enough quality receivers to use four and five of them at times. Mike Rigell should thrive in the new scheme after catching 21 passes. The most intriguing receiver is junior college transfer Junior Mahe. Rigell, David Christensen and Justin Anderson all were showing good signs in the spring before missing practice time with various injuries. Soren Halladay and Toby Christensen also will figure into the multiple-receiver packages.

At tight end, Doug Jolley, Gabriel Reid and junior college transfer Spencer Nead will divide duties.

BYU's offensive line was inconsistent in 2000 but improved in the spring. Beyond the returning starting five of center Jason Scukanec, guards Teag Whiting and Aaron McCubbins and tackles Ben Archibald and Dustin Rykert, the Cougars should have the depth they lacked last season. That's because JC transfers Quinn Christensen and Ryan Keele will warrant playing time.

Starting defensive ends Ryan Denney and Brett Keisel combined for 24 tackles for loss, including nine sacks, last season and remain solid. Former tight end Brandon Stephens is now a defensive end, and end Jeff Cowart has moved inside to tackle.

The defensive line's variable is the return of tackle Ifo Pili from a church mission in August. Ryan Gunderson also could help inside, as could Chris Watkins, depending on his recuperation from off-season back surgery.

When defensive coordinator Ken Schmidt describes his three starting linebackers, he keeps using the same words about each: big, physical and fast. Justin Ena is the leader, having produced nine tackles per game. Former quarterback Isaac Kelley shook off some back trouble to record 14 tackles for loss, and Paul Walkenhorst was a major discovery as a true freshman.

Schmidt was not happy with a secondary that allowed a league-high 223 passing yards per game and 17 touchdown passes, while making only seven interceptions.

He expects that to change with Jernaro Gilford returning at cornerback from a one-season suspension. Having Gilford anchor one side of the field allows Schmidt to sort through Derrus Wilson, Danny Phillips and others to fill the other position. In turn, Dustin Staley (Luke's brother) can move back from corner to his natural position of free safety. Levi Madarieta is the strong safety.

Aaron Edmonds is one of the best punters in BYU history. He's ticketed to kick off this season, too. He's even competing with Matt Payne to kick field goals. BYU has plenty of return candidates, with Rigell handling punts and Paul Peterson and David Christensen fielding kickoffs.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR		Junior Mahe (Jr., 1)	82	Soren Halladay (Sr., 3)
LT	79	**Dustin Rykert (Jr., 2)**	76	Vincent Xanthos (So., 0)
LG	54	**Teag Whiting (Sr., 1)**	59	Ryan Keele (Jr., 0)
C	68	**Jason Scukanec (Sr., 3)**	64	Scott Jackson (So., 1)
RG	69	**Aaron McCubbins (Sr., 3)**	73	Isaac Herring (Jr., 2)
RT	65	**Ben Archibald (Jr., 2)**		Quinn Christensen (Jr., 0)
TE	42	Gabriel Reid (Jr., 2)	86	Doug Jolley (Sr., 3)
WR	8	Mike Rigell (Sr., 2)	85	Justin Anderson (Sr., 0)
QB	11	Brandon Doman (Sr., 3)	17	Charlie Peterson (Sr., 3)
FB	22	Mike Nielson (Sr., 2)	3	Ned Stearns (Sr., 3)
RB	6	**Luke Staley (Jr., 2)**	1	Brian McDonald (Sr., 1)

Defense (6)

LE	92	**Ryan Denney (Sr., 3)**	99	John Denney (So., 0)
LT	94	Jeff Cowart (Jr., 2)	98	Chris Watkins (Jr., 2)
RT		Ifo Pili (So., 1)	56	Ryan Gunderson (So., 1)
RE	93	Brett Keisel (Sr., 1)	87	Brandon Stephens (Fr., 0)
LB	21	**Isaac Kelley (Sr., 2)**	46	Colby Bockwoldt (So., 1)
LB	55	**Justin Ena (Sr., 3)**	49	Brady Poppinga (Fr., 0)
LB	47	**Paul Walkenhorst (So., 1)**	53	Bill Wright (So., 1)
LC	2	Jernaro Gilford (So., 1)	5	Derrus Wilson (Sr., 1)
RC	18	Michael Lafitte (Sr., 2)	23	**Danny Phillips (Sr., 1)**
SS	7	Levi Madarieta (So., 0)	27	Alex Farris (So., 1)
FS	19	**Dustin Staley (Sr., 2)**	43	Michael Madsen (Jr., 2)

Special Teams

K	28	Matt Payne (Fr., 0)
P	29	Aaron Edmonds (Sr., 1)
KR	24	Paul Peterson (Sr., 2)
PR	8	Mike Rigell (Sr., 2)

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Head Coach: Gary Crowton — **2000 Record (MWC): 6–6 (4–3)**
2001 Prediction: 2nd MWC — **Cougar Stadium (65,000)**

East Carolina Pirates

32

If one thing has marked coach Steve Logan's career at East Carolina, it's been efficiency. In nine years at ECU, he has taken the Pirates to five bowl games, including back-to-back Liberty Bowl appearances in the mid-1990s. He has recruited and coached some of Conference USA's best quarterbacks, from Marcus Crandell in the mid-1990s to current starter David Garrard.

Al Kooistra

David Garrard

Garrard, who enters his final season ranked second on the school's career list in several categories, may be the best player in the league at his position. He passed for 2,332 yards and 19 touchdowns last season as the Pirates earned their second straight bowl trip.

> **5** The number of fumbles ECU lost last season, which ranked fourth nationally. Overall, ECU committed 17 turnovers, which ranked them 11th nationally.

Logan is looking for Garrard, a gifted athlete who can throw 60 yards off his back foot, to make better decisions because of his experience and command of the Pirate system.

Freshman Paul Troth, who enrolled in January, impressed Logan and offensive coordinator Doug Martin by absorbing more of the offense than the coaches thought possible. Redshirt freshman Desmond Robinson also displayed the ability to handle the offense.

ECU's deep stable of running backs is headed by Leonard Henry, a rugged senior fullback who enjoys meeting defenders head-on at the line of scrimmage and also has the ability to explode when he gets to the outside. That he rarely fumbles makes him even more of a key cog in the offense.

Freshman Marvin Townes and sophomore Art Brown will provide capable support for Henry, along with junior Christshawn Gilliam. All three runners possess remarkable speed.

The Pirates hope this is the season that senior wideout Arnie Powell becomes the all-conference receiver many have expected since 1998, when he switched from quarterback. Powell has yet to post all-conference numbers, but he is a big-play threat. He had a touchdown catch of 62 yards as a sophomore and threw a 35-yard touchdown pass against Alabama as a freshman.

Another former quarterback, junior Richard Alston, has moved to H-back to get more playing time. He has great speed and explosiveness and could become one of Garrard's main threats.

The starter at H-back is sophomore Terrance Copper, a versatile athlete with tremendous speed and excellent hands.

Seniors Aaron Walker and Chris Nelson and sophomore Brian Rimpf return to anchor a strong, physical offensive line that lost an all-conference center. Walker returns at left guard, Nelson at right guard and Rimpf, an all-freshman selection last year, at right tackle. Left tackle Brandon Pope was a backup at the position last year. Doug White takes over at center for Sherwin Lacewell, one of the best to play the position at ECU.

On the defensive front, Chris Howell will start at nose guard, flanked by senior defensive tackles Ty Hunt and Bernard Williams, giving the line an experienced trio.

Junior John Williamson is somewhat undersized at defensive end, but the converted linebacker has the speed to play the position.

Senior Pernell Griffin is the league's best linebacker and has the ability and talent to vie for All-America honors. Griffin has excellent speed and mobility, which he uses to defend receivers coming across the middle as well as to pressure quarterbacks into mistakes.

Joining Griffin at the other inside linebacker spot is senior Greg LeFever, who uses his quickness to close on running backs and receivers.

Junior Antwane Yelverton is the type of athlete who excels at the outside linebacker spot in coordinator Tim Rose's scheme.

Junior safeties Antwan and Anthony Adams are identical twins who deliver hits with similar intensity. Antwan maintained his starting free safety spot after spring practice, but Anthony was listed behind Jerome Steward at strong safety. Steward, who played cornerback last year, has excellent cover skills and uses his speed to break quickly on the ball.

At one cornerback position is Kelly Hardy, who has speed and the ability to chase down others' missed assignments. Charlie Robinson ended spring workouts at the other corner.

Kevin Miller hit 10-of-17 field goal attempts a year ago. He also handled the punting duties, but he will step aside this fall for junior college transfer Jared Preston.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

SE	84	Derrick Collier (Sr., 1)	86	Torey Morris (Jr., 2)
LT	64	Brandon Pope (So., 0)	**73**	**Phoenix Evans (Jr., 2)**
LG	**77**	**Aaron Walker (Sr., 3)**	76	Charlie Dempsey (So., 0)
C	68	Doug White (So., 1)	63	Hagen Mason (Fr., 0)
RG	**64**	**Chris Nelson (Sr., 3)**	94	Brian Fox (So., 0)
RT	69	Brian Rimpf (So., 1)	66	Corey Schmidt (So., 0)
TE	42	Ben Thomas (Jr., 1)	92	Seth Yates (So., 1)
FL	**5**	**Arnie Powell (Sr., 3)**	80	Aaron Harris (Sr., 2)
QB	**9**	**David Garrard (Sr., 3)**	17	Desmond Robinson (Fr., 0)
FB	**22**	**Leonard Henry (Sr., 3)**	26	Christshawn Gilliam (Jr., 2)
HB	7	Terrance Copper (So., 1)	32	Marcus White (So., 1)

Defense (9)

LE	**30**	**John Williamson (Jr., 2)**	56	Reggie Hamphill (Jr., 2)
T	53	Ty Hunt (Sr., 2)	99	Damane Duckett (So., 1)
NG	90	Chris Howell (Sr., 3)	97	Derek Helms (So., 1)
RT	**34**	**Bernard Williams (Sr., 3)**	44	Ja'Waren Blair (Jr., 2)
LB	**3**	**Antwane Yelverton (Jr., 2)**	41	Kent Nealy (So., 1)
LB	**40**	**Greg LeFever (Sr., 1)**	31	Vonta Leach (So., 1)
LB	**47**	**Pernell Griffin (Sr., 3)**	8	Kevin Ward (Sr., 2)
LC	**28**	**Kelly Hardy (Jr., 2)**	37	Brandon Rainer (So., 1)
RC	**2**	**Charlie Robinson (Sr., 3)**	11	Grover Benton (So., 1)
SS	20	Jerome Steward (Jr., 2)	**12**	**Anthony Adams (Jr., 2)**
FS	**13**	**Antwan Adams (Jr., 1)**	45	Travis Heath (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	10	Kevin Miller (Jr., 2)
P	15	Jared Preston (Jr., 0)
KR	25	Marvin Townes (Fr., 0)
PR	7	Terrance Copper (So., 1)

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Head Coach: Steve Logan — **2000 Record (C-USA): 8–4 (5–2)**
2001 Prediction: 2nd C-USA — **Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium (43,000)**

South Carolina Gamecocks

33

South Carolina's record-setting eight-game improvement last season seemed to impress everyone except the Gamecocks' own players. For a team that is just 12 games removed from the nation's longest losing streak, it seems remarkable that they're talking national championship.

Why not? For a football program that has seldom had anything to celebrate, now is the time for the Gamecocks to crow. They return 16 starters from a team that was one game away from dethroning Tennessee and Florida for the SEC East title.

Tim Clark/Athlon Sports

Phil Petty

5 The number of passing touchdowns allowed by USC's defense in 2000.

Phil Petty returns as the Gamecocks' quarterback, but redshirt freshman Dondrial Pinkins played well enough in the spring to become a factor for playing time. Even though Petty is the senior, Pinkins offers a more impressive physical package as far as eluding the rush and possessing a quick release. Erik Kimrey was both the hero of the 2000 Mississippi State game and the star of the 2001 spring game. At the conclusion of spring drills, Kimrey was holding off Pinkins as the number-two quarterback.

Derek Watson, who is coming off USC's first 1,000-yard season since 1996, is one of the most skilled running backs in the nation. But Watson is having a very difficult time staying in Holtz's good graces.

Holtz suspended his star tailback for the Outback Bowl, which opened the door for game MVP Ryan Brewer to break onto the scene. Watson was reinstated during spring drills, but was suspended once again in early May for disciplinary reasons. Holtz did not say how long the most recent suspension would last.

Watson — when he's behaving himself — and 250-pound bruising fullback Andrew Pinnock form perhaps the best running back combination in the SEC.

If there's one receiver who can replace Jermale Kelly as the Gamecocks' go-to guy, it's Brian Scott. He has many of Kelly's same attributes: great size, excellent hands, precise route-runner.

Carlos Spikes, a senior who has doubled as a quarterback during his career, will start opposite Scott. James Adkisson is clearly the team's most talented receiver and they need him to come through with a breakout senior season.

Nine of USC's 10 offensive linemen on the two-deep have experience, giving Holtz hope that this will be his best unit in three seasons and perhaps USC's best in the last decade. Right tackle Melvin Paige is back for his fourth season as a starter, while left tackle Travelle Wharton anchors Petty's blind side.

Up the middle, left guard Cedric Williams, center Larrell Johnson and right guard Shane Hall give the Gamecocks size they haven't had there since Holtz arrived.

One player who might be hard to keep out of the lineup is senior right guard Kevin Rivers. He was forced to leave the team last season because of academics, but he has overcome his hard-luck personal life and regained his eligibility.

The defensive line was the area hit hardest by graduation.

Ends Dennis Quinn and John Stamper are solid, while Langston Moore has the ability to be a disruptive force at nose guard. Moore, however, might have a tough time holding off Shaun Smith, a 6'3", 308-pound junior college signee with the size to plug the middle of the Gamecocks' 3–3–5 alignment.

It might be difficult to find a better group of linebackers in the SEC. Kalimba Edwards is an All-America candidate, but he might not be as complete a player as middle linebacker Kenny Harney. On Harney's flank will be Shannon Wadley, widely regarded as the team's hardest hitter.

As good as USC's linebackers are, the defensive backs represent the best unit at USC. Cornerback Sheldon Brown is good enough to take away his half of the field. His partner, Andre Goodman, has returned from a devastating knee injury in 1998 to reclaim his starting job from Kevin House.

The Gamecocks' scheme employs a pair of strong safeties, what they call spurs. Rashad Faison, the team's top returning tackler, will man one with Willie Offord or Jonathan Martin at the other. Expect Deandré Eiland and Antione Nesmith to battle it out at free safety.

South Carolina's field-goal kickers are a combined 25-for-51 the past three seasons, which is why Holtz signed his first kicker to a scholarship. Josh Brown will be expected to walk right into the placekicking job.

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

SE	**82 Brian Scott (Sr., 3)**		88	James Adkisson (Sr., 1)
LT	**68 Travelle Wharton (So., 1)**		77	Watts Sanderson (Jr., 2)
LG	**76 Cedric Williams (Jr., 2)**		74	John Strickland (Fr., 0)
C	73 Larrell Johnson (Sr., 3)		**58**	**C.J. Frye (Jr., 2)**
RG	71 Shane Hall (Jr., 2)		78	Kevin Rivers (Sr., 2)
RT	**72 Melvin Paige (Sr., 3)**		52	Jeff Barnes (So., 1)
TE	81 Rod Trafford (Sr., 2)		49	Hart Turner (So., 1)
QB	**14 Phil Petty (Sr., 3)**		13	Erik Kimrey (Jr., 1)
FB	**4 Andrew Pinnock (Jr., 2)**		40	Travis Lewis (Sr., 1)
RB	**22 Derek Watson (Jr., 2)**		4	Andrew Pinnock (Jr., 2)
FL	10 Carlos Spikes (Sr., 3)		21	Ryan Brewer (Jr., 2)

Defense (8)

E	91 John Stamper (Sr., 3)	86	Jonathan Alston (Fr., 0)
NG	57 Langston Moore (Jr., 2)	98	Willie Sams (Sr., 2)
E	**93 Dennis Quinn (Jr., 2)**	90	Jason Capers (Fr., 0)
LB	**41 Shannon Wadley (Sr., 3)**	33	Jeremiah Garrison (So., 1)
LB	44 Kenny Harney (Sr., 3)	85	Brian Brownlee (Fr., 0)
LB	**55 Kalimba Edwards (Sr., 3)**	31	Jack Johnson (Fr., 0)
CB	**35 Andre Goodman (Sr., 3)**	29	Kevin House (Sr., 3)
CB	**24 Sheldon Brown (Sr., 3)**	15	Rachiem Monroe (So., 1)
S	**11 Rashad Faison (Sr., 2)**	23	Jamie Scott (Jr., 1)
S	**20 Willie Offord (Sr., 3)**	39	Jonathan Martin (Jr., 2)
FS	28 Deandré Eiland (So., 1)	**1**	**Antione Nesmith (Sr., 3)**

Special Teams

K	Josh Brown (Fr., 0)
P	47 Tyeler Dean (Jr., 1)
KR	3 Corey Alexander (Sr., 1)
PR	21 Ryan Brewer (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Lou Holtz — **2000 Record (SEC): 8–4 (5–3)**
2001 Prediction: 4th SEC East — **Williams-Brice Stadium (80,250)**

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Stanford Cardinal

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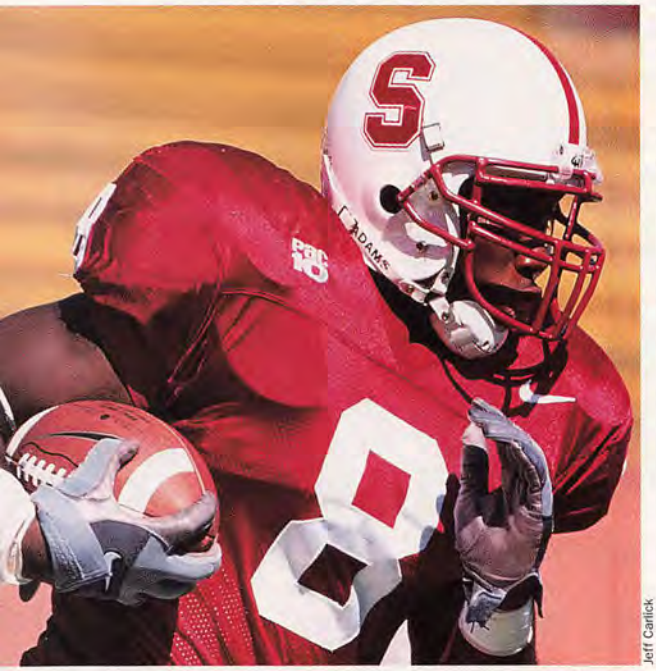
Stanford coach Tyrone Willingham believes there is a simple formula for success in the Pac-10. "What you need is, one, a senior quarterback; two, an explosive player; and, three, defense," says Willingham.

The Pac-10's last five Rose Bowl teams featured a senior quarterback who was a returning starter. Stanford has that in Randy Fasani. But the loss of wideout DeRonnie Pitts, defensive tackle Willie Howard and linebacker Riall Johnson could leave the Cardinal without the game-breaking player or the defense they need to contend for the conference title.



Jeff Carlick

Kerry Carter

Still, Stanford has enough offensive talent to finish among the conference's top four for the fifth time in Willingham's seven seasons.

> **5** The number of consecutive seasons Stanford has led the Pac-10 in fewest penalties and fewest penalty yards.

Fasani has experience and versatility, which should make him dangerous, especially under creative offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick. Fasani's running ability is as important as his passing skills, and the knee injury that sidelined him for three games and limited him in two others last season seems to be healed.

The Cardinal were 5–3 in games Fasani started last year, and they averaged 22 more points in those eight games than in the three he missed. Fasani will be in his second season as a starter, which has proven to be a major factor in the success of Pac-10 quarterbacks.

The Ontario Tailback Connection of big, bruising Kerry Carter of Ontario, Can., and small, fleet Brian Allen of Ontario, Calif., will again give the Cardinal versatility, production and experience.

Carter and Allen will share the position again, with the game situation and the opponent determining playing time. Both can make big plays as receivers and both are on the verge of breaking through as stars, although Allen needs to improve his average of 3.9 yards per rush.

Willingham hopes Luke Powell, a 5'8" sophomore, can replace the reliable and highly skilled Pitts, who finished his career second in the Pac-10 in career receptions.

Caleb Bowman gives the Cardinal some speed on the outside, and Ryan Wells and Jamien McCullum showed promise. But that one dominant receiver who attracts extra defensive attention is now missing.

Stanford's 2001 success rests with the development of the offensive line. There is a star up front in guard Eric Heitmann, and there is plenty of experience with all five starters from last season returning. However, those linemen need to improve their play, because the Cardinal didn't push anybody around last season.

Greg Schindler and Zack Quaccia combined for 19 starts in 2000, but the Cardinal are still trying to figure out the proper position for each. Tackle Kirk Chambers and guard Paul Weinacht were starters last season, but they will be challenged this fall. The key may be Kwame Harris, the highly touted tackle who saw action in a reserve role as a true freshman.

The effect of the loss of Howard, the heart and soul of the defense, is impossible to measure. Stanford has plenty of experience on the defensive line, but lacks the monster in the middle.

Matt Leonard, Travis Pfeifer and Craig Albrecht will occupy two of the three interior positions and will try to clog things up inside. Austin Lee and Marcus Hoover both have starting experience and should be solid defensive ends.

Versatile Coy Wire is the central figure at linebacker. At 6'1", Wire is really too small to play the inside linebacker position he occupies, but he still led the team in tackles and added eight sacks. Matt Friedrichs will play the other inside linebacker spot, but Wire is the playmaker.

Replacing Johnson on the outside is the biggest job, and true freshman Michael Craven may get an opportunity. An inside linebacker in high school, Craven may have the strength and speed to make an immediate impact at outside linebacker.

Free safety Tank Williams is a big hitter with speed and instincts, and he is probably the team's best all-around defender. The bigger problem will be finding an adequate strong safety. Simba Hodari will get a crack at that position.

Cornerback has been a problem area for the Cardinal in recent years, but this is their best group in some time. Ruben Carter is the kind of cocky coverman every team needs. Ryan Fernandez struggled some last season, but should benefit from his season of experience at the other corner.

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

WR	**4 Ryan Wells (Sr., 2)**	3 Caleb Bowman (Sr., 1)
LT	**67 Kirk Chambers (So., 1)**	63 Mike Sullivan (Jr., 0)
LG	**76 Paul Weinacht (Sr., 1)**	66 Edmond O'Neal (Jr., 0)
C	**60 Zack Quaccia (Sr., 3)**	65 Mike Holman (Jr., 1)
RG	**75 Eric Heitmann (Sr., 3)**	72 Dustin Stimson (Jr., 0)
RT	**69 Greg Schindler (Sr., 2)**	77 Kwame Harris (So., 1)
TE	83 Matt Wright (Sr., 2)	88 Brett Pierce (Jr., 1)
FL	6 Luke Powell (So., 1)	24 Jamien McCullum (Sr., 2)
QB	**12 Randy Fasani (Sr., 3)**	10 Chris Lewis (Jr., 1)
FB	**33 Casey Moore (Sr., 2)**	19 Eran Landry (Jr., 0)
RB	**34 Brian Allen (Sr., 3)**	8 Kerry Carter (Jr., 2)

Defense (7)

DE	94 Austin Lee (Sr., 3)	95 Drew Caylor (Jr., 0)
DT	**99 Matt Leonard (Sr., 2)**	79 Craig Albrecht (Sr., 0)
NT	78 Travis Pfeifer (Sr., 2)	93 Trey Freeman (Sr., 1)
DE	**92 Marcus Hoover (Sr., 3)**	90 Louis Hobson (Jr., 0)
OLB	52 Anthony Gabriel (Sr., 3)	55 Cooper Blackhurst (Jr., 1)
ILB	**22 Coy Wire (Sr., 3)**	54 Brian Gaffney (Jr., 1)
ILB	**51 Matt Friedrichs (Sr., 3)**	18 Amon Gordon (So., 0)
LC	**42 Ruben Carter (Sr., 3)**	15 Brian Taylor (Sr., 3)
RC	**7 Ryan Fernandez (Sr., 3)**	28 Stanley Wilson (So., 0)
SS	45 Simba Hodari (Sr., 3)	20 Colin Branch (Sr., 2)
FS	**13 Tank Williams (Sr., 3)**	43 Jason White (Sr., 1)

Special Teams

K	17 Mike Biselli (Sr., 2)
P	39 Eric Johnson (Jr., 0)
KR	4 Ryan Wells (Sr., 2)
PR	6 Luke Powell (So., 1)

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Head Coach: Tyrone Willingham — **2000 Record (Pac-10): 5–6 (4–4)**
2001 Prediction: 5th Pac-10 — **Stanford Stadium (85,500)**

UNLV Rebels

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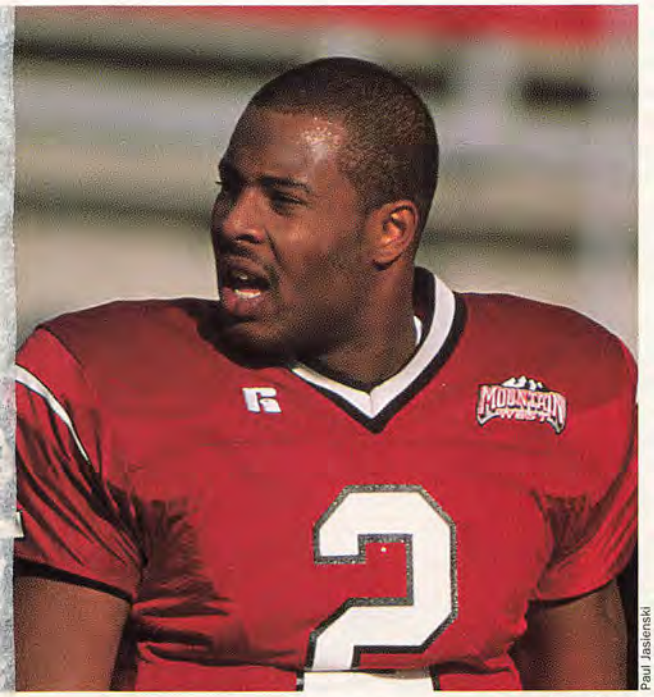
Amid the bright lights of Las Vegas, UNLV's football program was a fuzzy gray when John Robinson arrived in 1999. The Rebels now light up the Vegas strip like neon, after an 8–5 season that featured a Las Vegas Bowl victory over Arkansas.

"It's like night and day," Robinson says.

Now, the 65-year-old's job is to make sure his players and coaches are not inclined to "spend our life celebrating."



Paul Jasienski

Jason Thomas

Now in Robinson's third year, the Rebels know they belong among the league's contenders. "We're at a level athletically where we're going to be competitive with everyone we play," he says.

25,868 The crowd for last December's hometown bowl appearance was far from a sellout.

Quarterback Jason Thomas performed as advertised last season. Thomas invigorated the offense, even while playing the second half of the season with a sprained ankle and a stress fracture in his foot. He rushed for 599 yards and ranked second in the Mountain West in passing efficiency.

Thomas should improve as he masters the details of the position. Talent is not an issue; Robinson says he's as gifted as any player he has coached, and he loves Thomas' linebacker-style competitiveness.

The Rebels lost two of the league's top four rushers, but Jabari Johnson, a transfer from Washington, is ready to take over at tailback. Converted defensive back Joe Haro will also get a strong look. Watch for freshmen Dominique Dorsey and Dyante Perkins.

Wide receiver Nate Turner was a major reason for Thomas' passing success. Now that he's gone, other receivers will have to surface. The strongest possibility is Troy Mason, who caught 27 passes and showed explosiveness as a punt returner. Michael Johnson and Oregon transfer Bobby Nero must become dependable. Tight end DeJhown Mandley is used mostly as a blocker.

The UNLV offensive line, with some help from their mobile quarterback, allowed a respectable 26 sacks in 12 regular-season games. Other than all-conference tackle John Greer, the line returns intact. Center Peter Tramontanas and tackle Brandon Bair are the line's anchors. Guards Greg Hulett and Tony Terrell, along with tackle Shane Wagers are also established, but junior college transfers Matt Williams and Sheddrick Mitchell will offer plenty of competition.

The Rebels are loaded with defensive linemen. Everything starts with end Anton Palepoi, who recorded eight sacks in his first season as a junior college transfer. He's strong, quick off the ball and can become a dominant player. Scott Parkhurst, Steve Newton, Ahmad Briggs and Adrian Watson all will play.

At tackle, Ahmad Miller is in a class with Palepoi. Miller moves exceptionally well for a 300-pounder. Dietrich Canterbury and JC transfer Garrett Brassington will replace Anthony Suggs at nose guard.

UNLV had to survive long stretches without productive linebacker James Sunia last season, and his return remains in question because of recurring knee trouble. The consolation is that middle linebacker Ryan Claridge proved remarkably capable as a true freshman.

Defensive coordinator Mike Bradeson calls the Rebels "fairly stable" on the outside. Shanga Wilson was second in tackles and Tosh Burrus made seven tackles for a loss as a reserve. LaMar Owens appears ready to replace Tyler Brickell at the other position.

Senior cornerback Kevin Thomas is as vital to the UNLV defense as Jason Thomas is to the offense. Kevin Thomas is always trying to improve his technique and is a genuine NFL prospect as a cover corner, Bradeson says.

The presence of Thomas will actually put more pressure on Bradeson to find another dependable corner. Jamal Wynn and talented youngsters Joe Hunter and Ruschard Dodd-Masters will have their chances to play.

Free safety Sam Brandon returns as the Rebels' defensive MVP, having made 82 tackles, including 52 solo stops. Strong safety is wide open, with special-teams stars Ross Dalton and Derek Olsen competing with JC transfer Chameion Sutton.

Dillon Pieffer stabilized UNLV's placekicking by making 6-of -7 field goals as a freshman. The Rebels will offer the punting job to Ryan McDonald, who averaged only 33.5 in limited chances as a freshman in 1999.

Mason will once again handle kickoff and punt returns.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR	**86**	**Troy Mason (Jr., 2)**	8	Michael Johnson (So., 1)
LT	**69**	**Brandon Bair (Sr., 2)**		Sheddrick Mitchell (Jr., 0)
LG	**63**	**Greg Hulett (Sr., 1)**	76	Marcus Johnson (Fr., 0)
C	**61**	**Peter Tramontanas (Sr., 3)**	73	Dominic Furio (So., 1)
RG	**70**	**Tony Terrell (Jr., 2)**	76	Marcus Johnson (Fr., 0)
RT	75	Shane Wagers (Sr., 2)	71	Matt Williams (Jr., 0)
TE	**80**	**DeJhown Mandley (Jr., 2)**	83	Trevan Sorensen (Jr., 2)
QB	**2**	**Jason Thomas (Jr., 1)**	15	Kurt Nantkes (Fr., 0)
FB	24	Steven Costa (Jr., 2)	40	George Gordon (Jr. 0)
RB	32	Jabari Johnson (Sr., 1)	34	Joe Haro (Jr., 2)
WR	1	Bobby Nero (Sr., 1)	9	Charles James (Sr., 1)

Defense (7)

DE	**47**	**Anton Palepoi (Sr., 1)**	45	Steve Newton (Sr., 2)
DT	**44**	**Ahmad Miller (Sr., 1)**	92	Phil Reed (Jr., 2)
NG	91	Dietrich Canterberry (So., 1)	93	Garrett Brassington (Jr., 0)
DE	**90**	**Ahmad Briggs (Jr., 2)**	37	Scott Parkhurst (Sr., 1)
LB	13	LaMar Owens (Sr., 1)	18	Tosh Burrus (Jr., 2)
LB	**49**	**Ryan Claridge (So., 1)**	55	Adam Seward (Fr., 0)
LB	**36**	**Shanga Wilson (Sr., 1)**	18	Tosh Burrus (Jr., 2)
SS	41	Ross Dalton (Jr., 2)	38	Derek Olsen (So., 1)
FS	**42**	**Sam Brandon (Sr., 2)**	23	Toby Smeltzer (Jr., 2)
CB	19	Jamal Wynn (Jr., 2)	16	Joe Hunter (Fr., 0)
CB	**28**	**Kevin Thomas (Sr., 3)**	26	Ruschard Dodd-Masters (Fr., 0)

Special Teams

K	95	Dillon Pieffer (So., 1)
P	17	Ryan McDonald (So., 1)
KR	86	Troy Mason (Jr., 2)
PR	86	Troy Mason (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: John Robinson — **2000 Record (MWC): 8–5 (4–3)**
2001 Prediction: 3rd MWC — **Sam Boyd Stadium (40,000)**

Illinois Fighting Illini

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Last season didn't satisfy anyone. The team finished 5–6 and everyone went home sour. But with every new year comes new hope. "Last year was obviously disappointing to me, to our football team, to a lot of people," coach Ron Turner says. "But I think there were a lot of good things that came out of it. We were a few plays away from being a 9–2 or 8–3 team. Although we didn't go to a bowl game, this season we are a strong team that has the talent to jump right back into the national scene."

Steve Woltmann

Kurt Kittner

4 The number of new coaches on the Illinois staff: Dan O'Dell (quarterbacks), Mike Cassity (defensive coordinator), Mike Mallory (defensive backs) and Donnie Thompson (defensive line).

Kurt Kittner has been the starting quarterback the past three years and holds the single-season record for most touchdowns passes with 24. He propelled the team to a school record for offense in 1999. All of that has left him poised to do even more. His downfield vision is tremendous, and his ability to complete the long pass will return to its '99 level if his receiving weapons step up.

Tailback Antoineo Harris led the team in rushing last year with 772 yards and seven touchdowns. Rocky Harvey, who is more nimble and quick to the outside, rushed for 683 yards and three touchdowns.

Beyond those two there's little else. The team is also thin at fullback in large part because of the departure of veteran Jameel Cook for the draft. Carey Davis will get the starting nod in Cook's place.

Brandon Lloyd is back. The silky-smooth wide receiver burst onto the scene two years ago, when he broke school freshman receiving records with 511 yards and two touchdowns. But months before his second season Lloyd broke his leg and had to sit out the entire year. He is now healthy and faster than ever.

Former walk-on Greg Lewis led the team last year with 40 catches for 544 yards and six touchdowns. Not far behind is Aaron Moorehead, who caught four TD passes and totaled 520 yards receiving. These players aren't breathtakingly quick, but they often find a way to get open.

The offensive line has really held its own the past two years. Three starters are back — senior center Luke Butkus, senior left guard Jay Kulaga and junior right tackle Tony Pashos. The line last season allowed only 20 sacks in 361 pass plays.

Two veterans, Ray Redziniak and Marques Sullivan, have been lost to graduation. Looking to fill in will be David Diehl, who will move to left tackle. He will be pushed by Sean Bubin, who played in all 11 games on special teams last season.

Aaron Hodges, the brother of tight end Brian, is the leading candidate at right guard. Patrick Babcock will push Hodges.

Two defensive line starters will have to be replaced. Returning, though, will be end Terrell Washington and tackle Brandon Moore. Washington was one of the conference's leaders in tackles for a loss (16) and sacks (eight).

Looking to fill the open spots will be Charles Gilstrap at tackle and Robby Long at end. Gilstrap recorded nine tackles in a reserve role last season. Long has played a big role as a backup for three seasons.

Of the six players listed on the 2000 depth chart at linebacker, only one remains: Jerry Schumacher. He was the second-leading tackler last season with 104 stops, but he'll have loads of inexperience around him. Second-team JC All-American Mario Ivy will move right into one of the OLB vacancies.

At the third linebacker position, sophomore Ty Myers will likely start, but he will be pushed by Lee Sicinski and Joe Bevis.

Three-year starters Bobby Jackson and Muhammad Abdullah are back at safety. The duo has combined for 10 career interceptions, and both have a nose for the ball.

The cornerback position last year was talented but thin. Junior Eugene Wilson is back to take his spot after a great season. He had three picks in the last three games. Bobby Jackson's younger brother Marc will likely be the starter at the other corner.

Both kickers are back. Steve Fitts will handle the punting duties and J.J. Tubbs will kick. Fitts began last season handling both jobs, but late in the season Tubbs took over placekicking.

Wilson, the punt returner the last two seasons, returns, and Harvey will return kicks. Quarterback-turned-cornerback Christian Morton may also return kicks and punts.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE	6	Brandon Lloyd (So., 1)	**18**	**Walter Young (Jr., 2)**
LT	64	David Diehl (Jr., 2)	73	Sean Bubin (So., 1)
LG	**67**	**Jay Kulaga (Sr., 2)**	61	Bryan Koch (Fr., 0)
C	**71**	**Luke Butkus (Sr., 3)**	68	James Brown (Jr., 0)
RG	60	Aaron Hodges (So., 1)	70	Patrick Babcock (Fr., 0)
RT	**79**	**Tony Pashos (Jr., 2)**	72	Dan Cutter (Sr., 2)
TE	80	Brian Hodges (Sr., 3)	89	Kenny Boyle (So., 1)
FL	**17**	**Greg Lewis (Jr., 2)**	86	Aaron Moorehead (Jr., 2)
QB	**15**	**Kurt Kittner (Sr., 3)**	11	Dustin Ward (So., 1)
FB	24	Carey Davis (So., 1)	39	Carlos Lattimore (Jr., 2)
TB	**23**	**Rocky Harvey (Sr., 3)**	31	Antoineo Harris (Jr., 2)

Defense (6)

LE	**85**	**Terrell Washington (Sr., 2)**	98	Derrick Strong (So., 1)
LT	91	Charles Gilstrap (So., 1)	58	Jeff Ruffin (So., 1)
RT	**96**	**Brandon Moore (Sr., 3)**	55	Brett Kautter (Jr., 2)
RE	90	Robby Long (Sr., 3)	93	Mike O'Brien (So., 1)
LB	95	Mario Ivy (Jr., 0)	48	Lamont Holden (Fr., 0)
LB	**42**	**Jerry Schumacher (Jr., 2)**	45	Mike Gawelek (Fr., 0)
LB	27	Ty Myers (So., 1)	41	Lee Sicinski (Fr., 0)
LC	**28**	**Eugene Wilson (Jr., 2)**	13	Nana Agyeman (So., 1)
RC	1	Marc Jackson (Jr., 2)	43	Anthony Hurd (Sr., 3)
SS	**2**	**Bobby Jackson (Sr., 3)**	16	Kevin Anderson (Fr., 0)
FS	**7**	**Muhammad Abdullah (Sr., 3)**	82	Nick Piazza (Sr., 1)

Special Teams

K	12	J.J. Tubbs (So., 1)
P	10	Steve Fitts (Sr., 3)
KR	23	Rocky Harvey (Sr., 3)
PR	28	Eugene Wilson (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Ron Turner — **2000 Record (Big Ten): 5–6 (2–6)**
2001 Prediction: 5th Big Ten — **Memorial Stadium (70,904)**

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Southern Miss Golden Eagles

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It was an uncharacteristic season for Southern Miss. The Golden Eagles lost more league games (three) than they had lost in the previous four seasons combined.

But despite the "off-year," Southern Miss played in its fourth bowl in as many years and expects to make it five in five seasons. The Golden Eagles are reloading a defense that finished second nationally.

David Preston

Chad Williams

"We've got some guys coming who, I think, can do the job," says coach Jeff Bower. "We've got some talent at linebacker, we've got to find a couple of guys in the secondary to step up in certain positions, but I think we have a chance to be good."

5 The number of opponents the Golden Eagles held to a touchdown or less last season.

The offense is in the capable hands of quarterback Jeff Kelly, who broke his hand in the team's spring game. After being intercepted, Kelly chased down the culprit, but broke a bone in his right hand while making the tackle. He'll be ready for fall practice.

Not known for possessing a strong arm, and unable to zip the ball to the corners, Kelly still has been extremely accurate over his career. He completed 58 percent of his passes last season. Two years ago he was ranked ninth in the nation in passing efficiency.

Running back Dawayne Woods filled in admirably when Derrick Nix was sidelined early in the year with a high ankle sprain, an injury that led to other medical complications. Woods, a 5'7" speedster, rushed for 631 yards and seven touchdowns, but the Golden Eagles missed Nix's physical presence.

A back who consistently breaks through the first tackler, Nix can pound away at defenses and control the clock. He rushed for more than 1,000 yards in each of his first two years.

The receivers lack experience, but this year's group has potential. LeRoy Handy makes the difficult catches and isn't afraid to go across the middle. He added about 10 pounds during the off-season to prepare himself for the pounding. Dannye Fowler could be a factor, too. He'll be pushed by Kenneth Johnson, a playmaker who can use his speed to get behind cornerbacks.

Another potential target is junior tight end Bobby Garner, a converted quarterback.

The offensive line is the question mark. The line includes a bona fide all-conference performer in guard Torrin Tucker, but went through a major re-shuffling last year due to injuries.

Tucker is strong, with excellent feet and an intense disposition. Left tackle Jeremy Bridges started as a freshman, and the Golden Eagles are waiting for him to show dominating presence on the line. Bridges has good feet and can handle the speed guys on the edge. Right tackle Jason Jimenez can open running lanes.

Kendrick Key took over at center and Travis Barber moved to backup guard. Buck Miciotto moved from backup to the starter at left guard.

While huge losses from last season appeared to make the defensive line a trouble spot, it looks as if the Golden Eagles will reload. Rayshun Jones, a nose tackle, and defensive tackle Carlos Crusoe should start inside. Ex-linebacker Skylor Magee moved to defensive tackle in the spring and will need to add about 20 pounds to handle the position.

Marchene Hatchett, a linebacker for the Golden Eagles last year, returns to a familiar position: defensive end. Junior Terrell Paul returns to the starting bandit position, a hybrid defensive end/linebacker.

Rod Davis leads the linebackers, along with Roy Magee. Davis, who will play middle linebacker, finished with 94 tackles, relying on 4.6 speed to be a punishing factor. Magee, the starter on the weak side, has speed and a reputation for being at the right place at the right time. Joe Henley emerged as the starter on the strong side in the spring.

Chad Williams returns at strong safety and leads the secondary. Williams, a hard hitter, is physical enough to handle tight ends and running backs, and has the speed to handle the extra receivers. Williams should get excellent support at the corners from Thad Cribbs and Greg Brooks, who missed the spring to concentrate on academics. Brooks has great cover skills. Cornerback Corey Yates, a backup last year, had a strong spring. Carmus Haynes emerged in the spring and will compete with Cribbs at field corner.

Senior Brant Hanna was 12-of-18 on field goals. Mark Haulman moved into a starting role last season and finished third in the conference in punting with a 41.3 average.

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

SE	**81 Dannye Fowler (Sr., 3)**	13 Kenneth Johnson (So., 1)
LT	**73 Jeremy Bridges (Jr., 2)**	63 Myron Powe (Fr., 0)
LG	54 Buck Miciotto (Jr., 2)	77 Jeremy Parquet (Fr., 0)
C	60 Kendrick Key (Sr., 1)	66 Isah Winborne (So., 0)
RG	**76 Torrin Tucker (Jr., 2)**	69 Travis Barber (Fr., 0)
RT	**75 Jason Jimenez (Jr., 1)**	64 Bradley Worthington (Fr., 0)
TE	**10 Bobby Garner (Jr., 2)**	35 Terrell Browden (So., 1)
QB	**17 Jeff Kelly (Sr., 3)**	16 Zac White (So., 1)
RB	43 Derrick Nix (Sr., 3)	**22 Dawayne Woods (Sr., 3)**
FL	13 Kenneth Johnson (So., 1)	15 Greg James (Jr., 0)
WR	**82 LeRoy Handy (Jr., 2)**	85 Rocky Harrison (Fr., 0)

Defense (4)

DE	98 Marchene Hatchett (Sr., 1)	45 Brian Evans (So., 1)
NT	94 Rayshun Jones (Sr., 0)	34 Skylor Magee (Fr., 0)
DT	99 Carlos Crusoe (Jr., 0)	60 Chad Ruffin (Fr., 0)
BAN	**91 Terrell Paul (Jr., 1)**	41 LeVon Pears (Fr., 0)
LB	2 Joe Henley (Jr., 2)	51 Terry Anderson (Fr., 0)
LB	**24 Rod Davis (So., 1)**	46 Chris Vaughn (Jr., 2)
LB	**25 Roy Magee (Sr., 3)**	48 Chris Langston (Jr., 2)
SS	**9 Chad Williams (Sr., 3)**	14 Alex Ray (So., 1)
FS	28 Etric Pruitt (So., 1)	6 Corey Hosey (So., 1)
CB	21 Carmus Haynes (Jr., 0)	Thad Cribbs (So., 0)
CB	29 Corey Yates (Jr., 2)	5 Greg Brooks (So., 0)

Special Teams

K	37 Brant Hanna (Sr., 3)
P	23 Mark Haulman (Jr., 2)
KR	22 Dawayne Woods (Sr., 3)
PR	13 Kenneth Johnson (So., 1)

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Head Coach: Jeff Bower — **2000 Record (C-USA): 8–4 (4–3)**
2001 Prediction: 3rd C-USA — **M.M Roberts Stadium (33,000)**

Syracuse Orangemen

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The Orange Nation is in full revolt. Panic attacks abound. The schedule is a certified gauntlet. The quarterback and kicking game problems remain unresolved. The defense must replace five first- or second-team All-Big East starters.

After back-to-back 6–5 seasons, Syracuse University's treasured string of 14 straight winning records might be in jeopardy.

Wade Payne

Dwight Freeney

While there is considerable buzz over freshman quarterback Cecil "The Diesel" Howard, the reality of another transition year means it may get worse before it gets better.

"For the past few years, we haven't been playing as good as we should be playing," says Syracuse senior defensive end Dwight Freeney. "This is probably the year where it's time to put up or shut up."

16 Syracuse's defense tied for 104th nationally in takeaways with 16.

There is no other position at Syracuse that confounds and frustrates more than quarterback. Troy Nunes, R.J. Anderson and Madei Williams haven't gotten the job done over two trying seasons.

The Orangemen ranked 92nd a year ago in passing. The future arrives this fall in Howard, an option dynamo with unknown arm qualities. Howard has a chance to play immediately. It's no accident Pasqualoni assigned himself to coach the quarterbacks. His neck may be on the line if the situation doesn't improve.

The good news for the Orangemen is they should have one of the nation's best running games. Slippery senior James Mungro gets his much-anticipated turn as the featured tailback. Diamond Ferri and Walter Reyes, both of whom have serious breakaway speed and give Syracuse's anemic option game a needed burner on the corner, will relieve Mungro.

Syracuse has also upgraded its fullback game significantly. Kyle Johnson got a rare sixth year of eligibility. He's phenomenal.

Athletes abound at receiver, led by David Tyree, Maurice Jackson and Malik Campbell. The most talked-about receiver is Johnnie Morant, a tall, sleek receiver whose lack of production and use by the coaches was among the most debated issues last year for fans. Tight ends Graham Manley, David Hohensee and Jeremie Frazier continue in their roles as unsung grunts asked to block.

Syracuse returns four seniors and a lot of starting experience on the offensive line. It's a solid group led by tackle PJ Alexander, who should be primed for an NFL career. He works daily against Freeney, which might be the most thankless job on the team.

This unit's experience should pave the way for a dominant running game. Guards Sean O'Connor and Joe Burton have combined to play in 63 games over the last three seasons. Giovanni DeLoatch came on late to win the starting tackle position. Nick Romeo goes into his second year as the starting center.

There is no better defensive lineman in the Big East than Freeney, an All-America candidate whose 4.5-sack performance against quarterback Michael Vick was the enduring memory of 2000. He can expect standard double-teaming this fall. That means a lot will be expected of Josh Thomas to get the job done on the opposite side of the line. Inside, Syracuse has two rising stars in Louis Gachelin and Christian Ferrara.

All-Big East performer Clifton Smith, a gifted playmaker and a three-year starter, leads the linebacking corps. Like Freeney, Smith is good enough to be considered for All-American honors.

The other two linebacker spots are more iffy. Senior JR Johnson was a co-starter last season at weak-side linebacker. Rich Scanlon showed flashes of being a player last season as a redshirt freshman.

The good news is that Syracuse returns safeties Quentin Harris and Keeon Walker, two competent, solid performers. The bad news is that cornerback Will Allen is gone. Willie Ford, LaTroy Oliver and Will Hunter return and all have started at cornerback.

There's no excuse for having the worst placekicker in the Big East when you're playing in the Carrier Dome. Mike Shafer will need to improve on his 7-of-20 on field goals from last season.

Shafer's struggles at placekicking overshadowed his fine work punting and kicking off. Campbell and Jamel Riddle have handled the punt returns. Jackson and Mungro look like the kick returners.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR	1	Maurice Jackson (Sr., 2)	81	David Tyree (Jr., 2)
LT	**69**	**PJ Alexander (Sr., 3)**	78	Adam Terry (Fr., 0)
LG	**76**	**Sean O'Connor (Sr., 3)**	75	Matt Tarullo (Fr., 0)
C	**61**	**Nick Romeo (So., 1)**	68	Chris Buda (So., 0)
RG	**65**	**Joe Burton (Sr., 3)**	73	Erik Kaloyanides (Jr., 1)
RT	71	Giovanni DeLoatch (Sr., 1)	74	Kevin Sampson (So., 0)
TE	**89**	**Graham Manley (Sr., 2)**	88	Jeremie Frazier (Sr., 0)
QB	5	R.J. Anderson (So., 1)	11	Troy Nunes (Jr., 2)
FB	32	Kyle Johnson (Sr., 1)	34	Chris Davis (Jr., 1)
RB	23	James Mungro (Sr., 3)	22	Diamond Ferri (So., 0)
WR	**10**	**Malik Campbell (Sr., 2)**	2	Johnnie Morant (So., 0)

Defense (6)

DE	97	Josh Thomas (So., 0)	53	Mark Holtzman (Sr., 1)
DT	93	Christian Ferrara (So., 1)	96	Brian Hooper (Fr., 0)
NT	99	Louis Gachelin (So., 1)	95	Charles Simpson (So., 0)
DE	**54**	**Dwight Freeney (Sr., 3)**	48	Sheldon King (Sr., 0)
LB	26	Maurice Minter (Sr., 1)	52	Jose Harris (Jr., 0)
LB	**9**	**Clifton Smith (Jr., 2)**	42	Rodney Wells (Sr., 1)
LB	**45**	**JR Johnson (Sr., 1)**	57	Rich Scanlon (So., 1)
CB	30	Will Hunter (Sr., 1)	3	Latroy Oliver (Jr., 2)
SS	**28**	**Keeon Walker (Jr., 2)**	37	Charles Burton (Sr., 3)
FS	**29**	**Quentin Harris (Sr., 3)**	20	Maurice McClain (Jr., 1)
CB	**15**	**Willie Ford (Sr., 3)**	47	B.J. Darnell (So., 0)

Special Teams

K	13	Mike Shafer (Jr., 2)
P	13	Mike Shafer (Jr., 2)
KR	1	Maurice Jackson (Sr., 2)
PR	10	Malik Campbell (Sr., 2)

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Head Coach: Paul Pasqualoni — **2000 Record (Big East): 6–5 (4–3)**
2001 Prediction: 4th Big East — **The Carrier Dome (49,550)**

USC Trojans

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USC's once-proud football tradition was shattered into tiny cardinal and gold pieces a year ago. Now Pete Carroll, of all people, will be asked to put it back together again.

Carroll, the defensive-minded former New England Patriots and New York Jets coach, has never been a head coach at the collegiate level. He's never worked in the Pac-10, and he came into talent-rich Southern California clueless about recruiting in the area.

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Sultan McCullough

But he brings an infectious enthusiasm and a tireless work ethic, and he's going to need all of it to turn around this sinking program.

"For a guy like me, the things I do, this is a golden opportunity," Carroll says. "I think I bring all the things this place needs right now. I hope they give us a chance to see what we turn out."

1,163 The number of yards tailback Sultan McCullough gained last season at what used to be college football's most celebrated position.

They will give him a chance, but their patience is wearing thin. This team has talent, especially at the skill positions, but the competition in the Pac-10 is tougher than ever.

Carroll and his new offensive coordinator Norm Chow, who made his reputation at pass-happy BYU, inherit a pro-style quarterback in junior Carson Palmer, who has the size and arm to be a future No. 1 NFL draft pick. What Palmer needs to develop is more consistency, after throwing 16 touchdowns and 18 interceptions a year ago. This new spread-the-field style should be better suited for Palmer, once he learns all its complexities. Redshirt freshman Matt Cassel figures to be the primary backup, but incoming freshman Matt Leinart is probably the quarterback of the future.

Sultan McCullough, the fastest football player in school history, could put up some old-fashioned USC tailback numbers after rushing for 1,163 yards last year. And if the new offense calls for a tailback who is more adept at catching the ball, senior Malaefou MacKenzie, who finished with 27 receptions a year ago, might get the call. MacKenzie can expect an increased role in 2000 regardless.

Kareem Kelly might be as fast as any wide receiver in the country, and his 55 catches a year ago already place him ninth on the Trojans' all-time receiving charts. Marcell Allmond, who had 16 catches before breaking his leg in the fifth game, and Keary Colbert, who caught 33 balls, should both be even better in this offense.

Three offensive line starters return, with Faaesea Mailo and Zach Wilson penciled in at the guards and Lenny Vandermade, a first-team Freshman All-American, already a fixture at center. Norm Katnik, Eric Torres, Phillip Eaves and Joe McGuire will battle in preseason camp for the vacancies.

Three defensive line starters are gone, but at least there are some experienced wide bodies ready to move in. Ryan Nielsen and Bernard Riley shared one tackle spot last year. Now they should both be starters.

Lonnie Ford will get the start at one end, but he will be used more like a linebacker in Carroll's new configuration. Sophomore Omar Nazel emerged from spring drills atop the depth chart at the other end. The new face to look for belongs to Shaun Cody, the prep phenom who could become the finest pass rusher at the school since Junior Seau.

Aaron Graham will likely start at middle linebacker with Mike Pollard on the weak side, but incoming freshman Marvin Simmons might move into one of those spots early on. Sophomore Chris Prosser should draw the strong-side assignment.

Two returning starters at cornerback — Kris Richard and Chris Cash — will be battling for playing time if Antuan Simmons, recovering from a life-threatening illness, continues to look as good as he did in the spring. Darrell Rideaux also will play regularly. The strong safety is Troy Polamalu and Frank Strong will open at free safety, with redshirt freshman Matt Grootegoed, a future star, ready to squeeze in somewhere.

Sophomore John Wall looked like he solidified the kicking job halfway through 2000, but he could miss this year with a knee injury. That leaves shaky senior David Newbury, juco transfer Trevor Lancaster and anyone else who would like to come out for an early fall tryout. The punter will be senior Mike MacGillivray.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE	**2**	**Kareem Kelly (Jr., 2)**	83	Keary Colbert (So., 1)
LT	66	Eric Torres (So., 1)	76	Joe McGuire (Fr., 0)
LG	**75**	**Faaesea Mailo (Sr., 3)**	73	Derek Graf (Jr.,)
C	**78**	**Lenny Vandermade (So., 1)**	93	A.J. Single (Fr., 0)
RG	**69**	**Zach Wilson (Jr., 2)**	63	Travis Watkins (Fr., 0)
RT	62	Norm Katnik (So., 1)	67	Phillip Eaves (Jr., 0)
TE	18	Kori Dickerson (Sr., 3)	88	Doyal Butler (Jr., 1)
FL	8	Marcell Allmond (Jr., 2)	19	Frank Candela (Fr., 0)
QB	**3**	**Carson Palmer (Jr., 2)**	10	Matt Cassel (Fr., 0)
TB	**4**	**Sultan McCullough (Jr., 2)**	21	Malaefou MacKenzie (Sr., 3)
FB	**28**	**Charlie Landrigan (Sr., 2)**	34	Chad Pierson (Jr., 2)

Defense (5)

LE	25	Lonnie Ford (Sr., 3)	54	Anthony Daye (Jr., 0)
LT	**93**	**Bernard Riley (Jr., 2)**	96	Malcolm Wooldridge (Fr., 0)
RT	90	Ryan Nielsen (Sr. 3)	94	Kenechi Udeze (Fr., 0)
RE	56	Omar Nazel (So., 1)		Shaun Cody (Fr., 0)
LB	59	Chris Prosser (So., 1)	23	John Cousins (Sr., 0)
LB	36	Aaron Graham (Jr., 2)		Marvin Simmons (Fr., 0)
LB	45	Mike Pollard (Jr., 2)	17	Darryl Knight (Sr., 3)
LC	**42**	**Kris Richard (Sr., 3)**	6	Antuan Simmons (Sr., 3)
RC	**29**	**Chris Cash (Sr., 1)**	**22**	**Darryl Rideaux (Jr., 2)**
SS	**43**	**Troy Polamalu (Jr., 2)**	46	Matt Grootegoed (Fr., 0)
FS	1	Frank Strong (Sr., 3)	5	Deshaun Hill (Jr., 1)

Special Teams

K	15	David Newbury (Sr., 2)
P	38	Mike MacGillivray (Sr., 3)
KR	19	Frank Candela (Fr., 0)
PR	42	Kris Richard (Sr., 3)

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Head Coach: Pete Carroll — **2000 Record (Pac-10): 5–7 (2–6)**
2001 Prediction: 6th Pac-10 — **L.A. Coliseum (92,000)**

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Oklahoma (-26) UTEP	55-14	W
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Saints (-1) Lions	10-14	L
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Wisconsin Badgers

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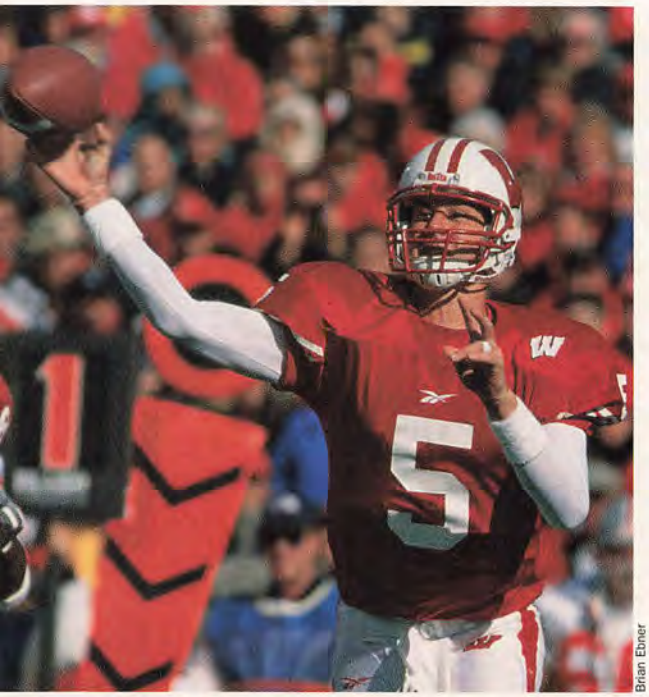
University of Wisconsin coach Barry Alvarez is a convert. If you can't beat 'em, spread 'em. Alvarez, who built the Wisconsin program on a smash-mouth running game often featuring two tight ends, has embraced the spread offense and has spent much of the off-season working to incorporate it into the Badgers' attack.

"We invested a lot of time in it during bowl preparation," says Alvarez, who watched Northwestern ride the spread offense to a share of the Big Ten title last season. "We've studied it. We visited South Carolina and studied some things there.

"How much we'll use it I don't know yet. It depends on how effective it is."



Brian Ebner

Brooks Bollinger

26 The total number of career rushing yards accumulated by the tailbacks on Wisconsin's 2001 roster, all by sophomore Broderick Williams, who might not be able to play this year due to an injury.

Junior starter Brooks Bollinger and sophomore backup Jim Sorgi give the Badgers quality and stability at quarterback, and Alvarez has no qualms about playing both this season.

Sorgi is a better pure passer, particularly on the deep ball. But Bollinger is a far superior runner and is better suited to run the spread offense. Either player could lead the team.

With the early departure of Michael Bennett, only four tailbacks are on the roster and three have yet to play in a college game. Sophomore Broderick Williams is the lone tailback with any experience, and he has rushed for just 26 yards. And Williams is likely out for the 2001 season after he tore a knee ligament during the spring. Tyrone Griffin, Jerone Pettus and Anthony Davis will all vie for time during preseason camp. And the tentative plan is to identify the two most consistent runners and use a rotation system.

Depth at wide receiver will be a serious concern unless at least two first-year players can work their way into the rotation. Junior Lee Evans and senior Nick Davis are the only proven playmakers in the group. Junior David Braun and sophomore Byron Brown opened spring as the No. 3 and 4 receivers.

One of the reasons the Wisconsin coaches are implementing the spread offense is that it doesn't require experienced, dominant linemen. That is wise, since Wisconsin's projected starting unit will feature three new starters, with only junior center Al Johnson and junior left tackle Ben Johnson back from last season. Junior Jason Jowers should provide stability at right tackle, but the guards will be all new.

Remember the name Dan Buenning. The redshirt freshman worked with the veterans last season and is expected to start at left guard. He could be the next four-year starter on the line.

Looking to combat the increasing number of spread offenses, the Wisconsin coaches have gone with a leaner, quicker look on the defensive interior. Senior Ben Herbert (238 pounds) and redshirt freshman Traison Lewis (235 pounds) have switched to nose guard from rush end. The plan could change in the fall depending upon the impact of the incoming freshmen, particularly tackle Anttaj Hawthorne, who is incredibly mobile for a 6'3", 310-pounder. If Hawthorne is as good as advertised, he'll be in the regular rotation quickly. Senior tackle Wendell Bryant must dominate for this unit to be successful. Bryant was a first-team All-Big Ten pick as a junior.

Like the defensive line, the linebacking corps is in transition. Nick Greisen, who led the Big Ten in total tackles (146), is entrenched at one inside spot. Bryson Thompson is expected to start next to Greisen. Jeff Mack, who started 10 games at inside linebacker as a freshman, has been moved to the outside.

In the secondary, the biggest name is gone. Jamar Fletcher, who owns the school record for career interceptions (21), left early for the NFL. Senior Mike Echols, a second-team All-Big Ten pick as a junior, is back for his fourth season at the boundary corner. Senior Joey Boese has been moved to free safety, his third position in the secondary. Sophomore Michael Broussard, who blossomed into a dependable third cornerback last season, has been moved to strong safety. Finding a field cornerback to replace Fletcher could prove troublesome. Junior B.J. Tucker could be the answer but he struggled in spring practice and his confidence is shaky.

Kirk Munden has the punting job. Mark Neuser, a walk-on, takes over at kicker for Vitaly Pisetsky.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

SE	22 Nick Davis (Sr., 3)	1 Byron Brown (So., 0)
LT	**64 Ben Johnson (Jr., 2)**	75 Morgan Davis (Fr., 0)
LG	67 Dan Buenning (Fr., 0)	79 Jonathan Clinkscale (Fr., 0)
C	**72 Al Johnson (Jr., 2)**	56 Jason Jowers (Jr., 2)
RG	69 Jeremy Dox (Sr., 1)	58 Kalvin Barrett (Fr., 0)
RT	56 Jason Jowers (Jr., 2)	61 Mike Lorenz (Fr., 0)
TE	**81 Mark Anelli (Sr., 3)**	49 Mark Bell (Fr., 0)
FL	**3 Lee Evans (Jr., 2)**	84 David Braun (Jr., 2)
QB	**5 Brooks Bollinger (Jr., 2)**	19 Jim Sorgi (So., 1)
FB	**41 Chad Kuhns (Sr., 3)**	31 Erik Bickerstaff (Jr., 2)
TB	24 Tyron Griffin (Fr., 0)	20 Jerone Pettus (Fr., 0)

Defense (5)

LT	99 Jake Sprague (Sr., 3)	93 Chuck Smith (Sr., 2)
NG	42 Ben Herbert (Sr., 3)	91 Traison Lewis (Fr., 0)
RT	**77 Wendell Bryant (Sr., 3)**	89 Jesse Mayfield (So., 0)
E	48 Darius Jones (So., 1)	43 Delante McGrew (Sr., 3)
LB	**46 Jeff Mack (So., 1)**	44 Jerron Smith (Fr., 0)
LB	**45 Nick Greisen (Sr., 3)**	47 P.J. Cannon (Jr., 1)
LB	32 Bryson Thompson (Sr., 3)	18 Kareem Timbers (Fr., 0)
BC	**36 Mike Echols (Sr., 3)**	17 Chris Holznecht (Fr., 0)
FC	23 B.J. Tucker (Jr., 2)	5 Chuckie Cowans (Fr., 0)
SS	34 Michael Broussard (So., 1)	15 Ryan Simmons (Jr., 1)
FS	**6 Joey Boese (Sr., 3)**	31 Carlease Clark (Sr., 3)

Special Teams

K	98 Mark Neuser (So., 0)
P	97 Kirk Munden (So., 0)
KR	22 Nick Davis (Sr., 3)
PR	22 Nick Davis (Sr., 3)

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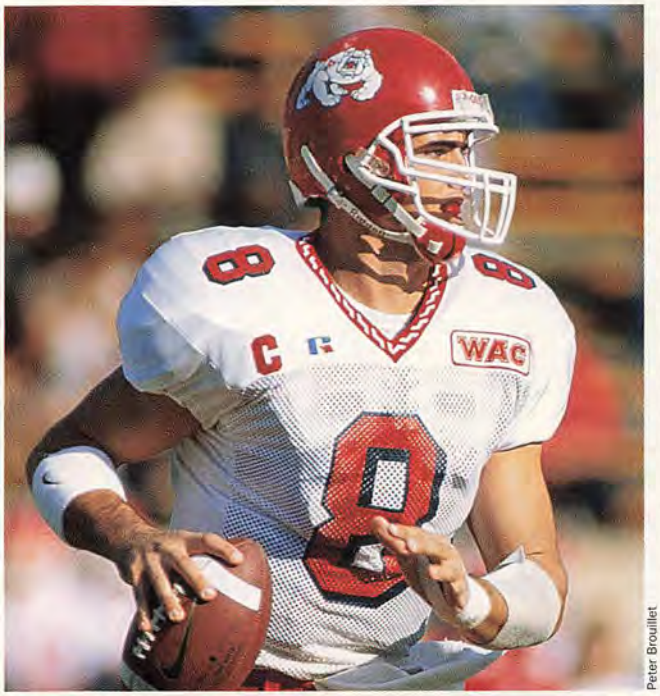
Head Coach: Barry Alvarez — **2000 Record (Big Ten): 9-4 (4-4)**
2001 Prediction: 6th Big Ten — **Camp Randall Stadium (76,129)**

Fresno State Bulldogs

41

With 13 starters back from a squad that narrowly lost to Air Force in the Silicon Valley Football Classic, fifth-year Fresno State head coach Pat Hill acknowledges his team will likely be the preseason favorite to win the Western Athletic Conference football title. But Hill has two words for Bulldog followers: "On paper."

"On paper it looks good and it could be the best team since I've been here," Hill says. "But that's on paper. It should be a very good team but there are always going to be question marks. And we must stay healthy. But our time is coming."



Peter Brouillet

David Carr

27 Fresno State's special teams have blocked 27 kicks during the past four seasons.

Quarterback David Carr returns following a season in which he was a second team All-WAC pick after passing for 2,338 yards, 23 touchdowns and just 11 interceptions. "There's no doubt in my mind that he can play in the NFL," Hill says.

The three top running backs from an injury-plagued 2000 season return, led by Derrick Ward. Ward, a freshman All-American in 1999, was limited to just six games in 2000 while battling a knee injury. The good news is Ward was back to his old dominating self in the spring.

Also back is powerful 233-pound Paris Gaines, who finished second on the squad in rushing despite being slowed by a sore knee.

Josh Levi, who led the Bulldogs with 397 yards on 92 carries (4.3 avg.), also returns.

Wideouts Rodney Wright and Charles Smith were the top receiving duo in the WAC last season until Wright, a 1999 first team All-WAC pick, went down with an injury in the fourth game of the season. Smith was also hampered by a sprained ankle much of the season.

Enter Bernard Berrian, who stepped up to lead Fresno in receptions (36) and earned second team All-WAC honors. And Marque Davis, who had four catches in the first two games, was ahead of Berrian on the depth chart before an abdominal injury. If that isn't enough, the Bulldogs have a top tight end prospect in Jeremy Johnson, a 2000 first-team freshman All-American.

Hill has a reputation for developing big and physical offensive lines and this year's edition should be no exception. With the fall addition of 6'5", 335-pound junior college transfer Victor Taifane and the surprise return of fifth-year senior center/guard Mike Stovall, the Bulldogs will have five starters over 300 pounds.

The left side of the line, featuring tackle Fitu Tu'ua and guard Russell Harding, should be particularly strong. Also back is right tackle Joe Schey, one of the most physical players up front, and center Rodney Michael, who could be shifted to guard or tackle with the return of Stovall.

Hill hopes defensive tackle Alan Harper earns All-America honors this year before moving on to the NFL. "He's been an outstanding player for us," Hill says. "Now we need to turn to him for leadership." Harper finished last season with 14 tackles for a loss.

Jason Stewart, who had 41 tackles and two sacks last season, moves in at the other tackle spot. Both starting defensive ends, Nick Burley and Jake Probst, return, as does Clarence Denning.

The Bulldogs must replace all three starting linebackers, including first team All-WAC pick Orlando Huff and second team All-WAC pick Tim Skipper. The good news is that Justin Johnson, who sat out last season with a shoulder injury, returns to take over Huff's spot. Marc Dailey replaces Skipper at middle linebacker.

The strong-side linebacker spot will likely be manned by senior Maurice Rodriguez, who had 15 tackles a year ago.

The Bulldogs may have the nation's top pair of starting safeties in strong safety Vernon Fox and free safety Anthony Limbrick, who missed the 2000 season with a thumb injury. Bryce McGill was an honorable mention All-WAC pick while filling in for Limbrick. "It's a good problem to have when you have three all-conference safeties," Hill chuckles.

There is little or no dropoff at cornerback, where senior Tierre Sams intercepted four passes. The other corner will be hard-hitting senior Devon Banks, a converted safety who had 57 tackles last season.

Kicker Asen Asparuhov returns following a solid sophomore season that saw him connect on 9-of-16 field goals. Jason Simpson downed 18 punts inside the 20-yard line last year and had only one touchback.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE	**18**	**Charles Smith (Sr., 3)**	84	David Shabaglian (Sr., 2)
LT	**62**	**Fitu Tu'ua (So., 1)**	54	Patrick Fanene (Jr., 2)
LG	**57**	**Russell Harding (Jr., 2)**		Victor Taifane (Jr., 0)
C	55	Mike Stovall (Sr., 3)	76	Keith McKnight (So., 1)
RG	**72**	**Rodney Michael (Jr., 2)**	73	Ian Harper (So., 1)
RT	75	Joe Schey (Jr., 1)	70	Justin Brown (So., 0)
TE	**85**	**Jeremy Johnson (So., 1)**	81	Alec Greco (So., 1)
QB	**8**	**David Carr (Sr., 3)**	15	Jeff Grady (Jr., 2)
FB	16	Tim Osborn (Jr., 2)		James Cummings (Fr., 0)
TB	34	Derrick Ward (Jr., 2)	1	Paris Gaines (Sr., 3)
FL	**5**	**Bernard Berrian (Jr., 2)**	17	Rodney Wright (Sr., 3)

Defense (6)

DE	**90**	**Nick Burley (Jr., 2)**	71	Justin Woltz (So., 1)
DT	91	Jason Stewart (Jr., 2)	94	Grant Harrington (Sr., 2)
DT	**98**	**Alan Harper (Sr., 3)**	94	Grant Harrington (Sr., 2)
DE	**59**	**Jake Probst (Sr., 2)**	41	Clarence Denning (So., 1)
LB	94	Justin Johnson (Sr., 3)	40	Sam Williams (Jr., 0)
LB	31	Marc Dailey (So., 1)	58	Terrance Hampton (Sr., 1)
LB	44	Maurice Rodriguez (Sr., 2)	40	Sam Williams (Jr., 0)
LC	19	Devon Banks (Sr., 2)	20	Juan Batista (So., 1)
SS	**33**	**Vernon Fox (Sr., 2)**	26	Bryce McGill (So., 1)
FS	**25**	**Anthony Limbrick (Sr., 3)**	38	Dee Meza (So., 0)
RC	**4**	**Tierre Sams (Sr., 3)**	20	Juan Batista (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	32	Asen Asparuhov (Jr., 1)
P	6	Jason Simpson (Jr., 1)
KR	17	Rodney Wright (Sr., 3)
PR	5	Bernard Berrian (Jr., 2)

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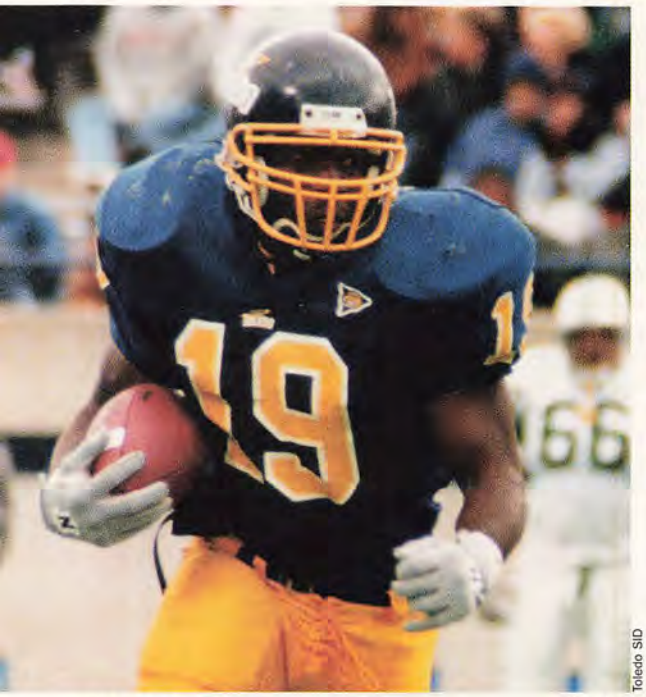
Head Coach: Pat Hill — **2000 Record (WAC): 7–5 (6–2)**
2001 Prediction: 1st WAC — **Bulldog Stadium (41,031)**

Toledo Rockets

42

Tom Amstutz spent 21 years as an assistant at Toledo and worked under four different head coaches. Finally, the former Rocket offensive guard is the man in charge at his alma mater.

Amstutz was named the school's 24th head coach in mid-December, replacing his former boss Gary Pinkel, who left for Missouri after guiding the Rockets to a 10–1 season in 2000.



Toledo SID

Chester Taylor

Toledo returns a solid nucleus from a club that scored a school-record 400 points and posted its seventh consecutive winning season in the Mid-American Conference.

"I feel good about what we accomplished," says Amstutz, who plans to open up the Toledo offense. "I feel like we're off and running. We have a new-look offense and a veteran defense that's excited to get back on the field and re-prove itself. I can't wait. And we can do better."

21 The number of years Tom Amstutz spent as an assistant at Toledo before he was hired as the new coach following last season.

First-team All-MAC quarterback Tavares Bolden is back, but he has been forced to learn a new offense. Bolden threw for 1,597 yards and 13 touchdowns and added 390 yards on the ground in 2000. He will likely be asked to throw the ball more this season.

First-team All-MAC tailback Chester Taylor returns, and Toledo is touting the senior as a Heisman Trophy candidate. He torched Penn State for 141 yards in the season opener and gained close to 1,500 yards last season. The coaches suspect he'll be even more dangerous running against defenses geared to stop the pass.

Taylor is backed up by seniors Antwon McCray (567 yards rushing in 2000) and William Bratton (486 yards in 1999).

Dontà Greene, who had 31 receptions a year ago, is the only Rocket receiver who caught more than 15 passes. Amstutz will need juniors Manny Johnson and Carl Ford to step forward, as well as redshirt freshmen Terrance Hudson and Corterris Reese.

The Rockets have a talented group of tight ends, led by Greg Grothous, who are expected to play a big role in the passing scheme.

Senior center Nick Otterbacher, who earned honorable mention all-conference honors, missed spring drills, but he is expected to anchor the line during the season.

Noah Swartz started 11 games at tackle last season, but was moved to guard during spring practice. Matt Comer and Archie Godfrey are both expected to become full-time starters this fall. Tim Dirksen, Erik Faasen and Darric Randolph will battle for a starting spot during preseason camp.

The defense is bolstered by the return of nine starters including four on the defensive line.

Senior Leo Frierson, a co-captain who had 61 tackles and three sacks last year, will work at one defensive end spot, while senior David Bockmore (44 tackles) will shift over to the other end position.

At the tackle position, the top players are Jake McLean (52 tackles), Phil Gibson (21) and Sameer Hamood. Amstutz is also high on the potential of sophomore Chaz Williams.

The Rockets use a four-linebacker package in their base defense and return two starters from last season.

Inside linebacker David Gardner started nine games last season and recorded 82 tackles. Tom Ward (70 tackles) is slated to start at the other inside 'backer position. Jason Manson is the most experienced reserve linebacker.

Corey Morris (75 tackles) figures to be the leader at the outside linebacker position, though Sid Daniels is also expected to contribute. Sophomore Paul Dye is the top choice to replace rover Ira Singleton.

Free safety Andy Boyd, who racked up a team-high 95 tackles a year ago, anchors the Toledo secondary, which intercepted seven passes in 2000.

At cornerback, Brandon Hefflin and Jehu Anderson are poised to make some noise. Hefflin was one of the league's top freshmen last season, intercepting three passes and breaking up seven more. Anderson, a two-year starter, flourished as a sophomore with 64 tackles. Tony Miller, James Stanley and Brandon Carter will provide depth in the secondary.

Toledo has one of the best kickers in the country in senior Todd France. Former walk-on Brandon Hannum will be Toledo's punter after averaging 37.9 yards as a freshman.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR	2 Carl Ford (Jr., 2)	29 Corterris Reese (Fr., 0)
LT	75 Archie Godfrey (Jr., 1)	65 Darric Randolph (So., 0)
LG	**73 Matt Comer (Sr., 3)**	67 Wael Jarbou (Fr., 0)
C	69 Nick Otterbacher (Sr., 3)	60 Chris Tuminello (Jr., 2)
RG	**79 Noah Swartz (Jr., 2)**	70 David Odenthal (So., 0)
RT	72 Tim Dirksen (So., 0)	74 Erik Faasen (So., 0)
TE	85 Greg Grothous (Jr., 2)	89 Andrew Clarke (Fr., 0)
QB	**1 Tavares Bolden (Sr., 2)**	6 Keon Frazier (So., 0)
RB	**19 Chester Taylor (Sr., 3)**	5 Antwon McCray (Sr., 2)
WR	9 Terrance Hudson (Fr., 0)	88 Miguel Irvin (Jr., 2)
WR	**17 Donta Greene (Jr., 2)**	4 Jason Freeman (So., 0)

Defense (9)

DE	**97 Leo Frierson (Sr., 2)**	99 Frank Ofili (So., 1)
DT	**83 Jake McLean (Sr., 3)**	95 Chaz Williams (So., 0)
DT	**96 Phil Gibson (Sr., 3)**	90 Sameer Hamood (Sr., 3)
DE	**93 David Bockmore (Sr., 2)**	44 Didier Ormejuste (So., 1)
LB	**15 Corey Morris (Sr., 3)**	7 Sid Daniels (Sr., 2)
LB	30 Tom Ward (Jr., 2)	51 Anthony Abron (So., 0)
LB	**57 David Gardner (Jr., 2)**	52 Jason Manson (Sr., 2)
LB	40 Paul Dye (So., 1)	27 Dorian Goulde (So., 1)
FS	**42 Andy Boyd (Sr., 3)**	20 Demetris Simms (Jr., 1)
CB	**24 Jehu Anderson (Jr., 2)**	26 Tony Miller (Jr., 1)
CB	**12 Brandon Hefflin (So., 1)**	25 James Stanley (Jr., 2)

Special Teams

K	13 Todd France (Sr., 3)
P	87 Brandon Hannum (So., 1)
KR	26 Tony Miller (Jr., 1)
PR	12 Brandon Hefflin (So., 1)

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Head Coach: Tom Amstutz — **2000 Record (MAC): 10–1 (6–1)**
2001 Prediction: 1st MAC West — **Glass Bowl (26,248)**

Texas A&M Aggies

43

It's probably a stretch of preposterous proportions. Nevertheless, the one team in America that can precisely duplicate Oklahoma's blueprint for a national championship is Texas A&M.

The Aggies ended last year with a 7–5 record, losing in the Independence Bowl by two points on the final play to an SEC team from the state of Mississippi. Just like OU did the year before winning it all. "That just goes to show you anything is possible," A&M linebacker Brian Gamble says. "With a little luck, maybe we can duplicate what Oklahoma did."

Layne Murdoch

Brian Gamble

Perhaps, but with so many key personnel losses and uncertainties, the Aggies may need some luck just to duplicate last year's Independence Bowl berth.

> **55** Percentage of A&M's total touchdowns last year that were scored by Ja'Mar Toombs and Robert Ferguson, both of whom left early for the NFL.

The most pleasant surprise last year was the emergence of former minor league baseball player Mark Farris at quarterback. In breaking the school's single-season passing and total offense records, Farris established himself as a leader and clutch performer. Prior to 2000, he was just one of the three guys competing for the starting quarterback position. By the end of the year, however, Farris was the Aggies' main man.

Powerful fullback Ja'Mar Toombs is gone, but even without Toombs, A&M has some dangerous options in the backfield. Speedster Richard Whitaker broke onto the scene impressively last year, leading the team in rushing and averaging 5.1 yards per carry. Whitaker will likely split time at tailback with another impressive-looking youngster, redshirt freshman Keith Joseph. Teammates raved about Joseph's work last year on the scout team and compare his style to Eric Dickerson's.

Junior Joe Weber will move to fullback in an attempt to fill the large shoes of Toombs.

Bethel Johnson made major strides at wide receiver last year, catching 42 passes. Greg Porter has outstanding hands but not tremendous speed, while Dwain Goynes has sensational speed but questionable hands.

Another big question is at tight end, where talented junior Michael de la Torre has battled a series of injuries.

Entering his fourth season as a starter, center Seth McKinney is one of the nation's best linemen. The rest of the offensive front, however, is not quite so impressive.

Sophomore André Brooks and juniors Billy Yates, Taylor Whitley and Michael Mahan are solid players, but the Aggies are thin. True freshman Jami Hightower, perhaps the Aggies' top recruit, may need to play a significant role this year.

The lone returning starter on the defensive line, Ty Warren, is a monstrous and imposing presence who can play inside or out. The Aggies also welcome back senior Rocky Bernard, who blew out his knee before the 2000 season. Because of the lack of depth along the defensive line last year, Linnis Smith played a significant role as a true freshman, and he played extremely well at times. Redshirt freshman Marcus Jasmin has impressed teammates and coaches in practice.

Linebacker Brian Gamble is a tremendously hard worker and an emotional leader in the middle of the A&M defense. But while the Aggies have some promising potential at outside linebacker, there aren't many proven playmakers.

Senior Christian Rodriguez and juniors Jarrod Penright and Jesse Hunnicut are candidates to assume the outside linebacker positions this fall. But only time will tell if those players have the ability to change games the way Jason Glenn did last year and so many other great A&M linebackers have done in years past.

Cornerback Sammy Davis and strong safety Terrence Kiel are legitimate all-conference candidates. Sophomore Sean Weston returns at corner after a solid season in 2000. Senior Jay Brooks, an extraordinary playmaker, will move from cornerback to free safety to replace Michael Jameson.

Aside from Farris, last year's most pleasant surprise may have been Cody Scates. He became the fourth freshman in school history to average more than 40 yards per punt and earned Freshman All-America honors.

A&M must replace Terence Kitchens, the most accurate placekicker in school history. The most likely candidate is strong-legged redshirt freshman Chris Sims, but walk-on Timm Gergeni is also a candidate.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR	44	Greg Porter (Jr., 2)	83	Mickey Jones (Sr., 2)
RT	76	Michael Mahan (Jr., 2)	50	John Kirk (Jr., 0)
RG	72	Billy Yates (Jr., 2)	68	Britt Lively (So., 1)
C	**77**	**Seth McKinney (Sr., 3)**	54	James Milkavich (So., 0)
LG	**51**	**Taylor Whitley (Jr., 2)**	66	Geoff Hangartner (Fr., 0)
LT	65	André Brooks (So., 1)	73	Alan Reuber (So., 1)
TE	87	Michael de la Torre (Jr., 2)	85	Lonnie Madison (Sr., 3)
WR	**9**	**Bethel Johnson (Sr., 2)**	4	Dwain Goynes (Jr., 2)
QB	**10**	**Mark Farris (Jr., 2)**	8	Vance Smith (Jr., 2)
TB	**24**	**Richard Whitaker (So., 1)**	32	Keith Joseph (Fr., 0)
FB	28	Joe Weber (Jr., 2)	38	Stacy Jones (Jr., 2)

Defense (5)

LE	95	Rocky Bernard (Sr., 3)	88	Linnis Smith (So., 1)
NG	91	Marcus Jasmin (Fr., 0)	93	Evan Perroni (Sr., 3)
RE	**94**	**Ty Warren (Jr., 2)**	92	Nick Losada (So., 0)
LB	2	Christian Rodriguez (Sr., 3)	43	Jarrod Penright (Jr., 2)
LB	**17**	**Brian Gamble (Jr., 2)**	58	Ricky Cardoza (Fr., 0)
LB	41	Harold Robertson (Sr., 3)	53	Toron Wooldridge (So., 0)
LC	**22**	**Sammy Davis (Jr., 2)**	15	Adam Black (So., 1)
RC	**31**	**Sean Weston (So., 1)**	26	Jonte Buhl (So., 1)
SS	**48**	**Terrence Kiel (Jr., 2)**	42	Everett Smith (So., 1)
FS	21	Jay Brooks (Sr., 3)	30	Wes Bautovich (Sr., 1)

Special Teams

K	25	Chris Sims (Fr., 0)
P	20	Cody Scates (So., 1)
KR	24	Richard Whitaker (So., 1)
PR	83	Mickey Jones (Sr., 2)

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Head Coach: R.C. Slocum — **2000 Record (Big 12): 7–5 (5–3)**
2001 Prediction: 4th Big 12 South — **Kyle Field (80,650)**

Boston College Eagles

44

Times have changed at Boston College. The football program, left in shambles by a gambling scandal just a few years ago, has made it back. It's back to the point where the Eagles have won 15 games the past two years and gone to bowl games in Tom O'Brien's third and fourth years at the helm of what was a rudderless ship.

There's no reason to think this won't be a third-straight bowl team. O'Brien and his staff have had three straight strong recruiting years and the recruits are now taking their places on a depth chart that no longer has the walk-ons O'Brien had to use in his first two seasons.

Al Koolstra

Dedrick Dewalt

> **0** The number of times a Boston College fullback has carried the football in the last 20 games, counting the two bowls.

"There's a future for this program," O'Brien said after the BC win over Arizona State in the Aloha Bowl. "There's a great future."

He may just be right.

O'Brien has a policy of allowing his second-string quarterback to play the first series of the second quarter, regardless of how long that series lasts. The idea is for the No. 2 guy to be ready if the starter gets hurt. But it also comes in handy when the starter graduates. Tim Hasselbeck is gone, and Brian St. Pierre takes over for what should be a two-year stint as a starter. St. Pierre, a major local recruit, has long been regarded as the BC quarterback with the best arm. He can move and has learned well. He has made two starts in two years; he didn't finish one and lost the other at Notre Dame — going 24-for-44 for 287 yards, three TDs and two interceptions in those starts.

Tailback William Green, who could be the most talented player ever to arrive at The Heights, had a 1,164-yard season last year. Green, the team MVP even though he was listed as No. 2 on the depth chart, is back and ready — and his explosiveness gives BC something it hasn't always had.

Ryan Utzler returns for a fifth year and will battle J.P. Comella for the fullback spot, a position that has become strictly one of blocking and pass catching.

Last year, the Eagles had a deep group of receivers that contained exactly no seniors. That has to bode well for 2001. Dedrick Dewalt has caught 38 passes each of the last two years and had a big-play knack with Hasselbeck, an old friend. He's a senior now and again leads what should be a strong corps.

Jamal Burke was second on the team with 26 catches, but no other returnee had more than 15. The tight end spot is one of the problem areas. There's ability, but no experience.

All-America guard Paul Zukauskas, tackle Michael Cook and guard Paul LaQuerre are gone, but don't look for too much of a drop-off as O'Brien looks for new starters. Tackle Marc Colombo and center Dan Koppen are strong anchors, and John Richardson has started and played well. O'Brien has former prized recruits Augie Hoffmann and Leo Bell among those ready to step in.

An inexperienced defensive line suffered a huge blow on the first play of the 2000 season when tackle Antonio Garay went down with a knee injury. Garay now moves outside in the 2001 plan in an effort to get him free more often. Sean Guthrie should be strong on the other side. Monster Keith Leavitt, Tom Martin and Doug Goodwin, who played last year as a true freshman, help clog the middle.

On a defense hit hard by injuries last year, nowhere was it felt more than at linebacker. BC returns Curtis Bolden, who started the entire season, along with Scott Bradley and Marco Williams, who started six games apiece. But depth could be in short supply.

Vinny Ciurciu, a transfer from Clemson, is in the mix in the middle, where Andy Romanowsky will play considerably.

BC should sport its most talented group of DBs in some time. Three starters return. One is Lenny Walls, a major surprise last year, who went from barely making the team to the defense's best player. Safety Ralph Parent and cornerback Will Poole came on strong last year. Doug Bessette and Trevor White are other names in an aggressive group that may finally turn a weak BC area into a strong one.

Sandro Sciortino, who has a strong enough leg to kick off last year, replaces the graduated Mike Sutphin as the placekicker. The punting game is strong thanks to the leg of Kevin McMyler, who at times was BC's most solid performer last year.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR	**84**	**Jamal Burke (Jr., 2)**	14	Ryan Read (Sr., 1)
LT	71	Leo Bell (So., 0)	67	Rudy Dipietro (So., 0)
LG	62	John Richardson (Sr., 2)	73	Mark Parenteau (Jr., 0)
C	**77**	**Dan Koppen (Jr., 2)**	53	Todd McKniff (Jr., 2)
RG	78	Augie Hoffman (So., 1)	76	Chris Snee (Fr., 0)
RT	**75**	**Marc Colombo (Sr., 2)**	70	Dan Murphy (Jr., 0)
TE	89	Sean Ryan (So., 1)	87	Frank Misurelli (Jr., 1)
WR	**11**	**Dedrick Dewalt (Sr., 3)**	12	Keith Hemmings (Jr., 1)
QB	2	Brian St. Pierre (Jr., 2)	10	Kevin Kiley (So., 0)
FB	**48**	**Ryan Utzler (Sr., 1)**	43	J.P. Comella (So., 1)
TB	1	William Green (Jr., 2)	20	Derrick Knight (So., 1)

Defense (9)

LE	**99**	**Sean Guthrie (Sr., 3)**	58	Derric Rossy (Jr., 2)
LT	**98**	**Doug Goodwin (So., 1)**	90	Tom Martin (So., 1)
RT	**64**	**Keith Leavitt (So., 1)**	95	Justin Hinds (So., 1)
RE	85	Antonio Garay (Sr., 2)	93	Phillip Mettling (Fr., 0)
LB	**54**	**Scott Bradley (Sr., 3)**	45	Josh Ott (So., 1)
LB	40	Vinny Ciurciu (Jr., 0)	52	Andy Romanowsky (Sr., 1)
LB	**26**	**Curtis Bolden (Jr., 1)**	**41**	**Marco Williams (Jr., 2)**
CB	**9**	**Lenny Walls (Sr., 1)**	21	Trevor White (Jr., 2)
SS	**24**	**Ralph Parent (Jr., 2)**	36	Brian Flores (So., 1)
FS	18	Doug Bessette (Jr., 2)	27	Paul Cook (So., 1)
CB	**13**	**Will Poole (So., 1)**	19	Peter Shean (Fr., 0)

Special Teams

K	33	Sandro Sciortino (So., 1)
P	47	Kevin McMyler (Jr., 2)
KR	32	DuJuan Daniels (Sr., 3)
PR	11	Dedrick Dewalt (Sr., 3)

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Head Coach: Tom O'Brien — **2000 Record (Big East): 7–5 (3–4)**
2001 Prediction: 5th Big East — **Alumni Stadium (45,000)**

Arkansas Razorbacks

45

Cedric Cobbs could hardly watch. Sidelined with a separated shoulder, Arkansas' star tailback stood on the sidelines as UNLV posted a 31–14 win over the Razorbacks in the 2000 Las Vegas Bowl.

But, after losing 26 players for at least one game due to injuries in 2000, Cobbs and the Razorbacks are healthy again.

A total of 13 starters return for a team that will be buoyed by a strong running game and an unpredictable, quick-strike defense.

Greg Abramowitz

Cedric Cobbs

Junior Robby Hampton is returning QB but not necessarily the starter.

Hampton missed spring practice while recovering from surgery for a shoulder dislocation and separation. Sophomore Zak Clark, the only healthy scholarship quarterback to go through the spring, has the stronger arm. Hampton is efficient and heady.

99.5 The percentage of Arkansas' total offense that is back in the form of returning running backs and quarterbacks.

Both players could be challenged by one of three true freshmen. Tarvaris Jackson has a strong arm and nimble feet, and seems to fit the job description.

The Razorbacks, forced to play most of the 2000 season without Cobbs, discovered that tailback was one of their deepest positions.

Cobbs, who was being touted for All-SEC honors before his injury, enters the 2001 season looking over his shoulder at junior Fred Talley. Cobbs is a 228-pound hammer between the tackles and a 4.34 blur around the end. Talley has proven every bit as effective, though he's 45 pounds lighter than Cobbs. Talley has durability and balance to keep running after contact, but can he return to that level after rehabbing from a torn ACL?

Sophomore Brandon Holmes carried 58 times for 238 yards and three touchdowns in the final two regular-season games. He split time at fullback in place of Adam Daily. Daily's loss due to a spinal cord condition has moved seniors Alvin Ray and Sacha Lancaster to the top of the heap at fullback.

At wide receiver, candidates abound, led by Sparky Hamilton, Sam Breeden and Richard Smith.

Smith set the school's freshman receptions record (33). Hamilton's size and speed can overmatch defensive backs. Breeden follows in the line of the big-bodied receivers of Arkansas. The most reliable of the freshmen is George Wilson.

O-line starters return at four positions. Problems here stemmed from the fact that they got too fat and couldn't move well, so they trimmed down in the off-season. Guards Kenny Sandlin and La'Zerius White both went from around 340 pounds closer to the 300-pound range.

Sandlin has the personality and respect to provide the best individual senior leadership the Razorbacks have had in years. Senior left tackle Shannon Money does an excellent job keeping the SEC's rush ends off the quarterback.

The defensive line is a vulnerable spot. It should benefit from having two returning starters and the addition of wide bodies Arrion Dixon and freshmen Jason Peters and Pat Winn. Senior nose guard Curt Davis is undersized but nobody plays harder. Junior Jermaine Brooks is quick for a 295-pound defensive tackle.

This is the last season for Carlos Hall to try to play as well as he tests out in the off-season. His numbers are impressive — a 42-inch vertical jump and 4.4 40-time at 261 pounds — but he's been known on the field for his disappearing act.

A scheme change added one more linebacker. Senior middle linebacker Jermaine Petty, who played linebacker in high school and junior college, should fit. Outside linebackers Caleb Miller and Tony Bua bring speed and athleticism.

For a change, the secondary should be a deep area. Cornerbacks Orlando Green and Harold Harris return but both could be sharing their jobs with sophomores Lawrence Richardson, Eddie Jackson and Bo Mosley and true freshman Ahmad Carroll.

Richardson's 4.3 speed and coverage instincts would have made him a starter last year, but he might be needed at receiver. Jackson, who started nine games after Harris' injury, provides sound coverage.

Safeties Corey Harris and Ken Hamlin, a freshman All-American, are solid returning starters.

Richie Butler led the SEC in punting for most of the season. The staff brought in two prep kickers from Oklahoma to walk on.

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

SE	28	Sparky Hamilton (Jr., 2)	18	Sam Breeden (Jr., 1)
LT	**61**	**Shannon Money (Sr., 3)**		Jerry Reith (So., 0)
LG	**66**	**La'Zerius White (Sr., 2)**	60	Scott Davenport (So., 1)
C	**58**	**Josh Melton (Jr., 2)**	65	Dan Doughty (So., 0)
RG	**57**	**Kenny Sandlin (Sr., 3)**	74	Jim Peters (So., 1)
RT	71	Mark Bokermann (So., 1)	75	Bo Lacy (So., 1)
TE	**82**	**Nathan Ball (Jr., 2)**	95	Marcellus Poydras (Jr. 2)
FL	8	Richard Smith (So., 1)	88	George Wilson (Fr., 0)
QB	17	Zak Clark (So., 1)	**11**	**Robby Hampton (Jr., 2)**
TB	4	Cedric Cobbs (So., 1)	**20**	**Fred Talley (Jr., 1)**
FB	3	Alvin Ray (Sr., 2)	**46**	**Sacha Lancaster (Sr., 3)**

Defense (5)

DE	**55**	**Carlos Hall (Sr., 3)**	97	Keith Turner (So., 1)
DT	48	Jermaine Brooks (Jr., 2)	99	Jason Peters (Fr., 0)
NG	**94**	**Curt Davis (Sr., 3)**		Arrion Dixon (Fr., 0)
DE	56	Raymond House (Jr., 1)		Elliott Harris (Fr., 0)
OLB	43	Caleb Miller (So., 1)		Gavin Walls (Jr., 0)
MLB	40	Jermaine Petty (Sr., 2)	34	Shane Collins (Fr., 0)
OLB	22	Tony Bua (So., 1)	14	Jimmy Beasley (So., 1)
CB	21	Orlando Green (Sr., 3)	1	Lawrence Richardson (So., 0)
SS	**24**	**Corey Harris (Sr., 1)**	31	D'Andre Berry (Sr., 3)
FS	**6**	**Ken Hamlin (So., 1)**	16	Shelton Parker (So., 1)
CB	**30**	**Eddie Jackson (So., 1)**	2	Harold Harris (Jr., 2)

Special Teams

K	41	Brennan O'Donohoe (So., 1)
P	35	Richie Butler (Jr., 2)
KR	1	Lawrence Richardson (So., 0)
PR	1	Lawrence Richardson (So., 0)

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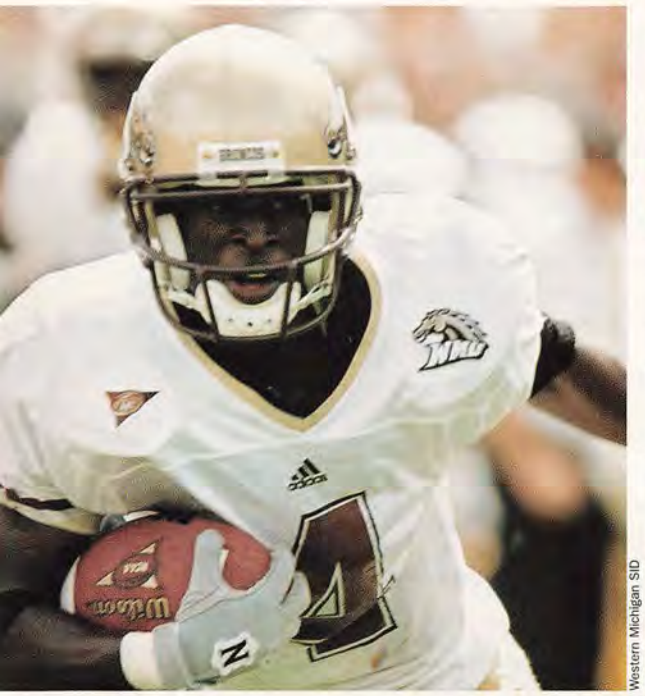
Head Coach: Houston Nutt — **2000 Record (SEC): 6–6 (3–5)**
2001 Prediction: 4th SEC West — **Razorback Stadium (72,000)**

Western Michigan Broncos

46

The 2000 season was a historic year for Western Michigan football. The Broncos set a school record with seven conference wins in the Mid-American Conference, won the league's Western Division title for the second straight year and won nine games overall for the first time in 95 seasons.

"I believe the program we have right now can do anything it wants to do," says Gary Darnell, who was named the league's Coach of the Year. "We have to continue to improve just so we stay even with the rest of the conference, but at the same time, we have every opportunity to grow at any rate we choose to."



Western Michigan SID

Josh Bush

4 Western Michigan finished fourth in the nation in scoring defense in 2000, allowing only 11.5 points per game.

Quarterback Jeff Welsh was outstanding in his first year as a starter. The former understudy to Tim Lester — the all-time leading passer in the MAC — Welsh threw for 2,537 yards and 15 touchdowns as a junior. He averaged 211.4 passing yards per game and also rushed for 168 yards and two touchdowns.

Welsh's backup, senior Ryan Harris, played sparingly in seven contests last season.

Robert Sanford finished his career as the school's all-time leading rusher. His 1,571 yards and 18 touchdowns will be missed.

But senior Charles Woods, who rushed for 298 yards in 10 games, is ready to fill in. Sophomore Philip Reed will also figure into the mix. He played in four games last year and rushed for 48 yards and one touchdown.

Western Michigan must replace Steve Neal, the school's — and the conference's — all-time leader in receptions and receiving yards.

There's a host of receivers eager to step into the Broncos' high-powered offense. One of them is senior Josh Bush, the team's top returning receiver with 463 yards and four touchdowns. Micah Zuhl is another strong candidate to start. The third wideout will likely be Darnell Jennings.

At tight end, the Broncos will rely on junior Mobolaji Afariogun, who scored three touchdowns last year.

The Broncos return a trio of experienced seniors on the offensive line — guards Jeff Hinson and Adam Cones and right tackle Matt Stover. They will be joined by left tackle C.R. Moultry, a 333-pound sophomore, and center Jake Gasaway.

Paul Lambert, a first-team All-MAC pick in 2000, is a key loss up front.

The Broncos return seven starters on their rugged defense from a year ago. The Broncos are young, quick and very talented up front.

Anthony Allsbury, a first-team All-MAC selection last year, is the leader of the line. Allsbury led the Broncos with eight sacks and finished second on the team with 13 tackles for loss. Second-team All-MAC pick Chris Browning (five sacks) will line up on the other end. In the middle, seniors Bryan Pinder and Larry King will start at tackle.

Two key linebackers must be replaced — Garrett Soldano and Mario Evans. Those two starting linebackers both surpassed 300 career tackles last season, and they will be missed.

But others are there to fill the void, starting with inside 'backers Bryan Lape and Jason Malloy. Lape finished last season with 31 tackles, while Malloy added seven stops.

On the outside, senior Carlos Smith takes over for Terrence Moore, who is applying for an extra year of eligibility from the NCAA. Smith finished with 30 tackles.

All four ballhawks in the defensive backfield return for another season. Seniors dominate the secondary with strong safety Brandon Brown and cornerbacks Ronald Rogers and Joe Ballard playing alongside junior free safety Jermaine Lewis.

Rogers, a second-team All-MAC pick, had four interceptions for the third straight season. Lewis, also a second-team All-MAC honoree, led WMU defensive backs with eight tackles for loss and three sacks.

Brad Selent, the most prolific kicker in the history of the conference, is gone. Junior college transfer Byungwoo Yun will battle redshirt freshman Robert Menchinger for placekicking duties.

Matt Steffen enters his third season as the starting punter. Bush, the Broncos' all-time leader in punt return yardage, finished fourth in the MAC Special Teams Player of the Year balloting.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR	9	Micah Zuhl (Sr., 3)	3	Kendrick Mosley (Jr., 1)
WR	**4**	**Josh Bush (Sr., 3)**	81	Marco Wolverton (Sr., 3)
LT	73	C.R. Moultry (So., 1)	70	Fred McCants (Jr., 0)
LG	**64**	**Jeff Hinson (Sr., 2)**	75	Ed Boness (So., 0)
C	69	Jake Gasaway (Jr., 2)	67	Kevin Kramer (Jr., 0)
RG	71	Adam Cones (Sr., 1)	68	Chris Montgomery (Sr., 0)
RT	**60**	**Matt Stover (Sr., 3)**	76	Jon Garcia (So., 1)
TE	**86**	**Mobolaji Afariogun (Jr., 2)**	82	Anthony Kiner (So., 0)
QB	**12**	**Jeff Welsh (Sr., 2)**	14	Ryan Harris (Sr., 1)
RB	22	Charles Woods (Sr., 1)	38	Philip Reed (So., 0)
WR	88	Darnell Jennings (Sr., 3)	8	Brandon Johnson (Jr., 0)

Defense (7)

DE	**97**	**Chris Browning (Jr., 2)**	35	Nick Melcher (Fr., 0)
DT	**94**	**Bryan Pinder (Sr., 2)**	99	Jeff Westgate (Jr., 1)
NG	92	Larry King (Sr., 2)	98	Chad Wangerin (So., 0)
DE	**37**	**Anthony Allsbury (Jr., 2)**	93	Jason Babin (So., 1)
LB	55	Jason Malloy (Jr., 2)	33	Erik Oleson (Fr., 0)
LB	46	Bryan Lape (Jr., 1)	34	Willie Miller (Fr., 0)
LB	7	Carlos Smith (Sr., 3)	42	Jermaine Foreste (Jr., 2)
SS	**29**	**Brandon Brown (Sr., 3)**	16	Wes Dodson (Sr., 3)
FS	**11**	**Jermaine Lewis (Jr., 1)**	36	Stephen Gubernick (So., 1)
CB	**2**	**Ronald Rogers (Sr., 3)**	24	Jason Feldpausch (So., 1)
CB	**26**	**Joe Ballard (Sr., 3)**	41	Sam Reynolds (Jr., 0)

Special Teams

K	91	Byungwoo Yun (So., 0)
P	66	Matt Steffen (Jr., 2)
KR	27	Rashad McDade (Sr., 3)
PR	4	Josh Bush (Sr., 3)

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Head Coach: Gary Darnell — **2000 Record (MAC): 9-3 (7-1)**
2001 Prediction: 2nd MAC West — **Waldo Stadium (30,200)**

UTEP Miners

47

The question facing second-year UTEP head coach Gary Nord going into the 2001 season is a very simple one: What do you do for an encore?

All the Miners (8–4) did in Nord's first year as head coach was earn their first-ever conference title, make their first bowl appearance in 12 years and shatter the school home attendance record.

Brian Drake

Terrance Minor

So, Coach Nord, how do you top that in 2001? "We left ourselves a little room," Nord says. "We did lose four games."

Nord will go after another conference crown without the services of eight starters, including All-America tight end Brian Natkin and record-setting quarterback Rocky Perez.

19 The number of sacks allowed by the Miners in 2000, a more than respectable number considering they attempted 354 passes.

Perez threw for 2,661 yards and rated eighth nationally in pass efficiency (147.1). Wesley Phillips, son of former Buffalo Bills head coach Wade Phillips, will get first crack at filling those big shoes. Although he has only attempted 16 career passes, Phillips has the benefit of being a fifth-year senior.

If Phillips falters, keep an eye on redshirt freshman Jon Schaper. "He's got all kinds of athletic ability," Nord says. "He could become the best quarterback I've ever coached."

The Miners rotated four running backs in 2000, and three of them — Chris Porter, Sherman Austin and Rovann Cleveland — return. Porter, a former walk-on, had the best year of the trio, averaging 61.9 yards per game and 4.8 yards per carry at fullback. "Chris did a great job of running between the tackles," Nord says.

Nord is also high on redshirt freshman John James, who rushed for 2,276 yards as a high school senior.

Natkin, UTEP's first-ever consensus All-American, will be missed. But Nord believes senior Joey Knapp, who caught 20 passes for 307 yards and four touchdowns as a reserve tight end in 2000, could be just as good. "Joey definitely has the ability to play at the next level," says Nord.

So does explosive senior wide receiver Lee Mays, a first team All-WAC pick who could vie for All-America honors this year. Mays set a school record with 15 touchdown receptions and finished with 70 catches for 1,098 yards.

Terrance Minor, who sat out the 2000 season while rehabbing a knee injury, will see action at wideout, along with redshirt freshmen Will Smith, Matt Elwood and Dirk Dillard and senior Andre Acree.

On the offensive line, the Miners lose two All-WAC players in center Carey Clayton and right guard Jeff Seeton, both four-year starters. But Nord expects his squad to once again field a top-notch offensive line. "We may have the two best tackles in the conference," Nord says, referring to junior Ariel Famaligi and sophomore Trey Darilek.

Lawrence Norman also returns at left guard. And Nord doesn't believe there will be much of a drop-off at the other spots, where sophomore Robert Clayton, younger brother of Carey, is expected to start at right guard and sophomore Chris Kerr takes over at center.

Nord also has high expectations for his defensive line, and for good reason. Eleven of the top 12 players return. Leading the way is end Gabe Williams, who had 43 tackles and four sacks last season. Rick Fette, a starter last year, is now Williams' backup at right end, with Karmul High moving into the lineup at left end.

The top four tackles from last year's two-deep — seniors Josh Randolph and Bobby King and sophomores Samuel Clarke and Daniel Kerr — are all back.

Middle linebacker Trey Merkens, who was regarded by some as the top linebacker in the WAC last year, graduated, but junior Camar Jackson returns at outside linebacker. A key to the Miners' success will be how well junior Bubba Wiseman, senior Barry King and redshirt freshman Robert Rodriguez fill in.

Nord believes the secondary will be "the strength of our defense."

Crance Clemons, a first team All-WAC pick, and Weldon Cooks both return at cornerback. Free safety D.J. Walker, who has eight career interceptions, also returns. Paul Smith, who started the Humanitarian Bowl, and speedy sophomore Tim Woodard round out the starting unit.

The Miners must replace two All-WAC performers in punter Glen Beard and dependable placekicker Ricky Bishop, a four-year starter.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE	82	Terrance Minor (Jr., 2)	80	Will Smith (Fr., 0)
LT	**55**	**Ariel Famaligi (Jr., 2)**	74	Keith Warren (Sr., 2)
LG	**73**	**Lawrence Norman (Sr., 3)**	67	Curtis Castle (Jr., 1)
C	52	Chris Kerr (So., 1)	53	Robert Clayton (So., 1)
RG	53	Robert Clayton (So., 1)	79	Jose Garcia (Fr., 0)
RT	**77**	**Trey Darilek (So., 1)**	75	Robert Espinosa (Fr., 0)
TE	**30**	**Joey Knapp (Sr., 3)**	89	Justin Hunt (So., 1)
FL	**7**	**Lee Mays (Sr., 3)**	19	Andre Acree (Sr., 1)
QB	13	Wesley Phillips (Sr., 2)	8	Jon Schaper (Fr., 0)
FB	**28**	**Chris Porter (Sr., 1)**	5	Rovann Cleveland (So., 1)
TB	**3**	**Sherman Austin (Jr., 2)**	32	Josh Wheat (So., 1)

Defense (7)

LE	44	Karmul High (Jr., 2)	78	Jeremy Evenhus (So., 0)
LT	**71**	**Samuel Clarke (So., 1)**	57	Daniel Kerr (So., 1)
RT	**99**	**Bobby King (Sr., 3)**	37	Josh Randolph (Sr., 2)
RE	98	Gabe Williams (Jr., 2)	**94**	**Rick Fette (Jr., 2)**
LB	33	Bubba Wiseman (Jr., 2)	43	Robert Rodriguez (Fr., 0)
LB	**25**	**Camar Jackson (Jr., 2)**	36	Barry King (Sr., 3)
Rov	22	Paul Smith (Jr., 2)	20	Joe Young (So., 1)
LC	**15**	**Weldon Cooks (Jr., 2)**	1	Sam Singleton (Sr., 2)
RC	**2**	**Crance Clemons (Sr., 3)**	6	Jahmal Fenner (Fr., 0)
SS	11	Tim Woodard (So., 1)	17	Brandon Yaites (Fr., 0)
FS	**16**	**D.J. Walker (Jr., 2)**	14	Mark Dowdy (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	95	Chad Kennedy (Fr., 0)
P	95	Chad Kennedy (Fr., 0)
KR	3	Sherman Austin (Jr., 2)
PR	2	Crance Clemons (Sr., 3)

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Head Coach: Gary Nord — **2000 Record (WAC): 8–4 (7–1)**
2001 Prediction: 2nd WAC — **Sun Bowl (52,000)**

Michigan State Spartans

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Expecting vast improvements on the offensive side of the ball, Michigan State is not merely aiming to climb back into the bowl picture.

"I want to win championships," tailback T.J. Duckett says. "I want to help our football program get to the same level as our basketball program and our hockey program."

Despite Duckett's assertions, Michigan State does not seem capable of contending for its first Big Ten title since 1990. However, the Spartans have the potential to be one of the surprise teams in the conference.

Rie Fogel

T.J. Duckett

The spring competition between quarterbacks Jeff Smoker and Ryan Van Dyke did not produce a clear-cut starter. "They showed improvement in the spring in knowing where to go with the ball, and being quicker in doing it," says offensive coordinator Morris Watts.

> **30** The number of players in Michigan State's two-deep who were on the roster during the 1999 season, when the Spartans went 10–2 and finished in the Top 10.

Van Dyke improved his foot speed and adopted a dead-serious demeanor. He was slightly more productive than Smoker in the final two scrimmages of the spring, but is also more prone to err.

Smoker, still the quicker of the two, gained the upper hand when he relieved Van Dyke and rallied the Spartans to a victory over Illinois last season.

Duckett, a rumbling power back with a deceptive burst, is one of the best ball carriers in America. He should have better vision and knowledge of the system in his second full year as a tailback. His health will be a key to the season. "He's a great player who gained a lot of yards while not being very healthy last year," head coach Bobby Williams says.

Little John Flowers has had productive spurts as a back-up. Tyrell Dortch battled ankle injures as a highly touted freshman but could make an impact.

MSU's biggest improvement is at the wide receiver positions. Charles Rogers, a consensus prep All-American two years ago, is the Spartans' most talented pass catcher since Plaxico Burress. Rogers sat out last year as a partial qualifier. Marcus Waters shook off a year of ineligibility and emerged as a talented threat late last year.

"Marcus Waters is playing like a much more experienced wide receiver," Williams says. "B.J. Lovett joined the group from junior college and he definitely has a lot of big-play ability."

The Spartans graduated four starters from the offensive line, but four of the new first-stringers have starting experience.

Center Brian Ottney is a future All-Big Ten candidate. Left guard Paul Harker started as a true freshman in 1998 but spent the past two years as a reserve. He is a solid run blocker but has been mediocre in pass protection. The coaches see right guard William Whitticker as a future star.

Left tackle Ulish Booker struggled as an emergency starter at the outset of last season. Right tackle Steve Stewart played extensively as a freshman in 2000 and is another star in the making.

Defensive line coach Brad Lawing says Josh Shaw is the best defensive tackle he has ever coached. And this year Shaw will have more talent around him.

Linebacker Ivory McCoy moves to defensive end in passing situations, giving the Spartans edge speed similar to what they had in the Julian Peterson days. Nick Myers is a solid end who can move to tackle in the nickel defense, as he did in '99.

Defensive coaches think they have something now that McCoy has switched from tight end to strong-side linebacker. McCoy has good strength at the point of attack, and excellent quickness. Josh Thornhill, a great leader, might be the best middle linebacker in the Big Ten. The Spartans are questionable at weak-side linebacker.

Cornerback Cedric Henry and strong safety Thomas Wright return to a secondary that led the Big Ten in pass defense last year. Henry picked off five passes on the year and averaged 23.6 yards per return.

DeMario Suggs moves from the nickel back role to a starting corner. He plays with strength, but cannot replace Renaldo Hill, who entered the NFL Draft. Free safety Lorenzo Guess has been shaky as a backup. Now he is the starter.

Punter Craig Jarrett was first-team All-Big Ten as a sophomore, but averaged just 40.8 yards per attempt last year behind spotty protection. Kicker David Schaefer was reliable early in the year but shaky down the stretch.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

SE	13 Marcus Waters (Jr., 1)	6 BJ Lovett (Jr., 0)
LT	65 Ulish Booker (Jr., 1)	68 Joe Tate (So., 1)
LG	57 Paul Harker (Jr., 1)	61 Joe Patrick (So., 1)
C	**73 Brian Ottney (So., 1)**	67 DeMarco Monroe (So., 1)
RG	76 William Whitticker (Fr., 0)	60 Joe Brooks (So., 0)
RT	77 Steve Stewart (So., 1)	79 Sean Poole (Fr., 0)
TE	**83 Chris Baker (Sr., 3)**	88 Luc Mullinder (So., 0)
QB	**9 Jeff Smoker (So., 1)**	3 Ryan Van Dyke (Sr., 3)
FB	**49 Dawan Moss (Jr., 2)**	44 Bradshaw Littlejohn (So., 1)
RB	**8 T.J. Duckett (Jr., 2)**	23 Little John Flowers (Sr., 3)
FL	1 Charles Rogers (So., 0)	**2 Herb Haygood (Sr., 3)**

Defense (6)

LE	**75 Nick Myers (Sr., 3)**	59 Clifford Dukes (Fr., 0)
LT	**97 Kyle Rasmussen (So., 1)**	98 Dwight Whitfield (Fr., 0)
RT	**95 Josh Shaw (Sr., 3)**	92 Lonnie Simmons (Fr., 0)
RE	94 Greg Taplin (So., 1)	93 Samalj Gordon (So., 1)
LB	85 Ivory McCoy (Sr., 2)	54 Dominick Brown (So., 0)
LB	**50 Josh Thornhill (Sr., 3)**	55 Jason Bradley (Fr., 0)
LB	35 Mark Goebel (So., 1)	58 James Cooper (Fr., 0)
LC	**37 Cedric Henry (Sr., 3)**	21 Broderick Nelson (Jr., 1)
LC	19 DeMario Suggs (Sr., 3)	22 Shawn Foster (Sr., 3)
SS	**43 Thomas Wright (Jr., 2)**	27 Duron Bryan (Sr., 2)
FS	5 Lorenzo Guess (Sr., 3)	39 Jeremy Fairrow (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	14 David Schaefer (Sr., 2)
P	12 Craig Jarrett (Sr., 3)
KR	2 Herb Haygood (Sr., 3)
PR	1 Charles Rogers (So., 0)

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Head Coach: Bobby Williams — **2000 Record (Big Ten): 5–6 (2–6)**
2001 Prediction: 7th Big Ten — **Spartan Stadium (72,027)**

North Carolina Tar Heels

49

John Bunting, a star linebacker at North Carolina three decades ago, wasted no time putting his stamp on a football program that has flirted with national prominence but never consistently found it.

Bunting, who replaces Carl Torbush as head coach, told the Tar Heels they will be in better physical condition and they won't be afraid of anyone.

Allen Kee

Julius Peppers

To prove it, Bunting (an NFL assistant coach since 1993) jumped at the chance to open the season on the road against defending national champion Oklahoma despite a schedule that already includes games against Texas, Florida State and Clemson.

53 The Tar Heels were relentless against opposing quarterbacks last season, amassing 53 sacks.

Bunting, who played 11 years in the NFL, inherits a team coming off a 6–5 season. The Tar Heels, who were among the nation's elite during the end of the Mack Brown era, haven't been to a bowl game since 1998.

Quarterback Ronald Curry hopes to end UNC's bowl drought in his senior season. Few quarterbacks in the country are as electrifying as Curry, who is within easy reach of the school's career total offense and passing yardage records. The biggest challenge for the former national high school Player of the Year may be adjusting to his third offensive coordinator in three seasons.

Despite playing behind an offensive line that surrendered 35 sacks last season, Curry established North Carolina's single-season total offense record with 2,676 yards.

North Carolina returns five of its six top rushers from last season, but the ground game wasn't particularly strong in 2000.

The most likely breakout back is sophomore Willie Parker, who showed flashes late last season that he could produce the big games the Tar Heels have been missing.

Brandon Russell and André Williams could both factor into the running back equation. Russell is a solid runner who picked up 508 rushing yards last season to lead the backs. Williams is a bullish ballcarrier who isn't likely to break a long one, but he is capable of picking up the tough yards.

Two years ago, split end Bosley Allen suffered a knee injury so severe doctors didn't expect him to play football again. But now he's the Tar Heels' most dangerous downfield threat. Allen led North Carolina with 40 receptions for 634 yards last season, and when Curry went looking for a big play, it was usually Allen he found.

The Tar Heels are solid at receiver because Kory Bailey gives them a reliable veteran and Sam Aiken has shown an ability to make the tough catch in the middle of the field.

The sack numbers from a year ago illustrated the Tar Heels' troubles along the offensive front. This season, three new starters will move into the lineup.

North Carolina will build its line around center Adam Metts, who was among the team's most consistent performers last fall. Sophomores Greg Woofter and Jupiter Wilson, who both saw significant playing time last season, should bolster the unit as starters.

All-America defensive end Julius Peppers is an overwhelming force. Peppers led the nation with 15 sacks last season while setting a school record with 24 tackles for a loss. "He could be the best defensive end ever," former teammate Brandon Spoon says.

Peppers is the best of a good group. Tackle Ryan Sims was part of a unit that set a school record with 53 sacks last season. Tackle Anthony Perkins and end Joey Evans also return to continue the quarterback feast.

The Tar Heels must do more than put new players in the linebacker spots held previously by Spoon and Sedrick Hodge. They established the personality of North Carolina's defense and their graduation leaves a hole in the middle. The good news is Merceda Perry is back from a broken ankle and Quincy Monk showed promise when he moved into the lineup last fall. If they produce as expected, the Tar Heels could be better than a year ago, when they ranked 30th nationally in total defense.

A tenacious pass rush will again be critical to a secondary that returns starting free safety DeFonte Coleman and starting corners Michael Waddell and Errol Hood. Both Waddell and Hood broke up 12 passes last fall. Sophomore strong safety Dexter Reid will be the only new starter in the defensive backfield.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

SE	**3**	**Bosley Allen (Jr., 2)**	88	Sam Aiken (Jr., 2)
LT	69	Greg Woofter (So., 1)	64	Justin Barton (Fr., 0)
LG	71	Jupiter Wilson (So., 1)	79	David Stevenson (So., 1)
C	**60**	**Adam Metts (Sr., 3)**	67	Marcus Wilson (So., 1)
RG	**78**	**Isaac Morford (Jr., 2)**	63	Don Peters (Jr., 1)
RT	77	Jeb Terry (So., 0)	74	Bryant Malloy (Jr., 2)
TE	86	Zach Hilton (Jr., 2)	81	Doug Brown (Sr., 3)
FL	**12**	**Kory Bailey (Sr., 3)**	8	Jamal Jones (So., 1)
QB	**1**	**Ronald Curry (Sr., 3)**	9	Luke Huard (Jr., 2)
FB	48	James Faison (So., 1)	40	Madison Hedgecock (Fr., 0)
TB	15	Willie Parker (So., 1)	**31**	**Brandon Russell (So., 1)**

Defense (7)

LE	**49**	**Julius Peppers (Jr., 2)**	92	Issac Mooring (So., 1)
LT	**87**	**Ryan Sims (Sr., 3)**	47	Eric Davis (Jr., 2)
RT	**58**	**Anthony Perkins (Sr., 3)**	91	Will Chapman (Jr., 1)
RE	95	Joey Evans (Sr., 3)	85	Malcolm Stewart (Jr., 2)
LB	**41**	**Quincy Monk (Sr., 3)**	30	David Thornton (Sr., 2)
LB	36	Kitwana Jones (So., 1)	55	Robert Harris (Jr., 2)
LB	54	Merceda Perry (Sr., 3)	37	Clarence Gaddy (Fr., 0)
LC	**18**	**Michael Waddell (Jr., 1)**	34	Derrick Johnson (So., 1)
RC	**29**	**Errol Hood (Sr., 3)**	21	Kevin Knight (Jr., 2)
SS	24	Dexter Reid (So., 1)	5	Marcus Jones (Jr., 1)
FS	**25**	**DeFonte Coleman (Jr., 2)**	28	Billy-Dee Greenwood (Sr., 3)

Special Teams

K	45	Jeff Reed (Sr., 1)
P	38	Blake Ferguson (So., 1)
KR	88	Sam Aiken (Jr., 2)
PR	3	Bosley Allen (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: John Bunting — 2000 Record (ACC): 6–5 (3–5)
2001 Prediction: 5th ACC — Kenan Memorial Stadium (60,000)

Marshall Thundering Herd

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Marshall is still the team to beat in the Mid-American Conference. But the days of the Thundering Herd's dominance might be over.

Marshall lost more games in its 8–5 2000 season than in the previous five seasons combined. And the Herd lost an unthinkable three conference games a year ago, yet still won their fourth consecutive MAC title on the way to a third straight victory in the Motor City Bowl.

Scott Boehm

Byron Leftwich

Marshall, which returns 10 starters, hopes to spend another holiday season in Detroit. And if the Herd can win 11 games this fall, Bob Pruett will become the all-time leader in victories in just his sixth season at his alma mater.

58 Coach Bob Pruett has won 58 games in just five seasons at Marshall. He needs 11 wins this season to become the school's all-time victory leader.

Byron Leftwich stepped in for Marshall's all-time leading passer, Chad Pennington, and threw for 3,358 yards — the eighth-best single-season total in school history — and 21 touchdowns in his sophomore season. If he continues at his current pace, Leftwich will join Pennington in Marshall's exclusive 10,000-yard club.

Senior Stephen Galbraith, a transfer from Memphis, and redshirt freshmen Stan Hill and Andrew English will serve as the backups.

Three proven runners return for the Herd, led by sophomore Franklin Wallace, who rushed for a team-high 555 yards in 2000. Brandon Carey didn't run the ball often in his injury-shortened sophomore season, but he was effective when he did, averaging over six yards per carry. Chanston Rodgers ran for just 204 yards on 65 attempts (3.1 yards per carry), but reached the end zone five times.

Somehow, someway, the team must find a way to replace four senior receivers from last year's explosive attack. Only sophomore Darius Watts and senior Curtis Jones return with any experience at all.

Watts caught 36 passes last season for 616 yards and six touchdowns. Chris Ray, Chris Martin and Brad Bates will be asked to assume a much larger role.

Steady senior Gregg Kellett is back at tight end after catching 12 passes for 137 yards a year ago.

Junior left tackle Steve Sciullo, who has started every game of his two-year career, will anchor the offensive line. Ohio State transfer Matt Zahn will serve as the backup. Senior Steve Content, who played at both the guard and center spots last year, is back as the starting left guard.

After using four different players last season at center, Marshall is pinning its hopes on junior college transfer Steven Perretta. Junior Jeff Edwards will slide from center to right guard, and sophomore Nate McPeek is back at right tackle after starting every game as a true freshman.

The only returning defensive line starter is senior end Ralph Street, who led the Herd in sacks each of the past two seasons. The other three spots will be filled by relatively inexperienced players.

Orlando Washington, who started one game last season, and Marlan Hicks are the leading candidates to take over on the interior. Senior Kelvin Smith, who is known as a speed rusher, replaces All-MAC end Paul Toviessi.

Butkus Award candidate Max Yates is back at middle linebacker after leading the Herd with 115 tackles last year. At the outside linebacker positions, Alonzo Jones will take one side while fellow senior Larry Davis will man the other. Davis has been a spot starter in his career.

Junior free safety Chris Crocker has the most experience, but all four of the players at the top of the secondary's depth chart have started games in their careers. Crocker recorded 56 tackles with three interceptions last year. Michael Owens spent most of the 2000 season at rover but stepped in at linebacker in the Motor City Bowl. He should return to rover for his senior season.

The two cornerback spots will look different because long-time starters Maurice Hines and Danny Derricott are gone. In their place will be juniors Terence Tarpley and Yancey Satterwhite.

Junior punter Curtis Head is back after averaging 40.7 yards per boot last season. Several walk-ons, along with Head, will battle for the placekicking job. Watts and Bates will return kicks.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR	40 Darius Watts (So., 1)	39 Chris Ray (Jr., 0)
WR	83 Brad Bates (Fr., 0)	87 Chris Martin (So., 1)
LT	**75 Steve Sciullo (Jr., 2)**	61 Matt Zahn (So., 0)
LG	56 Steve Content (Sr., 1)	70 Joey Stepp (So., 0)
C	66 Steven Perretta (Jr., 0)	67 Doug Gast (Fr., 0)
RG	**58 Jeff Edwards (Jr., 2)**	65 Paul Hardy (Jr., 2)
RT	**71 Nate McPeek (So., 1)**	76 Joe Orsini (Jr., 1)
TE	**45 Gregg Kellett (Sr., 3)**	96 Eddie Smolder (Jr., 2)
QB	**7 Byron Leftwich (Jr., 2)**	4 Stan Hill (Fr., 0)
RB	**24 Franklin Wallace (So., 1)**	26 Brandon Carey (Jr., 1)
WR	80 Curtis Jones (Sr., 2)	82 Josh Davis (Fr., 0)

Defense (4)

DE	**53 Ralph Street (Sr., 3)**	91 Maurice McKinney (So., 1)
DT	95 Orlando Washington (Jr., 2)	98 Richard Rodgers (Jr., 0)
NT	51 Marlan Hicks (So., 1)	93 Nathan Leslie (So., 1)
DE	99 Kelvin Smith (Sr., 1)	59 Paul Sinclair (So., 0)
LB	57 Alonzo Jones (Sr., 3)	55 Sam Goines (Sr., 3)
LB	**5 Max Yates (Sr., 3)**	48 Duran Smith (Jr., 2)
LB	33 Larry Davis (Sr., 3)	44 Charles Tynes (So. 1)
Rov	**31 Michael Owens (Sr., 3)**	34 Gladstone Coke (So., 1)
FS	**19 Chris Crocker (Jr., 2)**	29 Fardan Carter (Sr., 3)
CB	21 Terence Tarpley (Jr., 2)	41 Dorian Williams (Fr., 0)
CB	15 Yancey Satterwhite (Jr., 2)	42 Renaldo Williams (Fr., 0)

Special Teams

K	36 Curtis Head (Jr., 2)
P	36 Curtis Head (Jr., 2)
KR	40 Darius Watts (So., 1)
PR	83 Brad Bates (Fr., 0)

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Head Coach: Bob Pruett — **2000 Record (MAC): 8–5 (6–3)**
2001 Prediction: 1st MAC East — **Marshall Stadium (38,016)**

Penn State Nittany Lions

51

Joe Paterno claims it was pure coincidence that of the three new faces that landed on his staff last winter, not a one came from within the Penn State family.

"I didn't say, 'I lose a couple of coaches, I'm going to get a couple of outsiders,'" he says.

History tells a different story. It had been 15 years since the Nittany Lions last hired an assistant without former ties to the team (as a player, graduate assistant, camp counselor or all of the above). Coming off only its second losing season in six decades, the Big Ten's stalest outfit needed an infusion of new blood.

Al Koolstra

Eric McCoo

But did it come soon enough to give the 74-year-old coach who is poised to become the all-time Division I-A wins leader a new lease on life?

> **1** The number of wins Joe Paterno needs to tie Bear Bryant's Division I-A victory record (322).

Aiming to lead the turnaround is untested quarterback Matt Senneca, who steps to the front following the graduation of Rashard Casey. Unlike your typical Nittany Lion backup quarterback, the fans haven't exactly been clamoring for the slow-footed fourth-year junior. He completed less than half his passes in spot duty in 2000 and looked lost on the field at times.

The coaches have said all the right things about Senneca, about how he was just waiting his turn, about how he's unflappable under pressure, about his strong presence in the huddle. "I think Senneca's been a fine quarterback all along," Paterno says. "I think he's ready to go."

He'd better be. Waiting in the wings is the Zac(k) attack — redshirt freshmen Zack Mills and Zac Wasserman.

Of the three thoroughbred tailbacks in Penn State's stable, veteran Eric McCoo has the best combination of speed, elusiveness and ability to break tackles. Larry Johnson is a burner, but has a nose for the pile. Omar Easy, a 245-pounder, is the most chiseled athlete on the team.

The staff tried to shuffle the trio a year ago, with terrible results. Look for McCoo to surface as the go-to guy in 2001.

Eddie Drummond and Bryant Johnson should form the nucleus of a strong receiving corps. That's if Johnson can get over the crazy case of butterfingers that saw him catch just four passes in 2000. The staff toyed with the idea of moving Johnson to the secondary during his slump, but he was so dazzling as a receiver in practice that it never happened.

The offensive line has been ground zero for Penn State's recent problems. The Lions averaged an unthinkable 142 rushing yards per game a year ago.

The return of guard Greg Ransom from a redshirt due to academic problems will help. The senior stepped up as a team leader in the spring. Another solid starter figures to be Matt Schmitt, who has finally found a home at tackle after seeing time at center and guard. After that, it's anyone's guess who will start.

The defensive line, on the other hand, will be a strength of the team, particularly in the middle, where massive 330-pound Jimmy Kennedy and fireplug Anthony Adams return.

Reserve end Michael Haynes tied for the team lead in sacks (six) in 2000 despite seeing limited action. A ferocious pass-rusher, he must improve his run-stopping skills now that he's a starter. End Bob Jones spent the winter as the top heavyweight on the Penn State wrestling team.

It appears Penn State will be without oft-troubled Ron Graham, but new linebackers coach Ron Vanderlinden, the former head coach at Maryland, still has plenty to work with. It's just a matter of piecing together the puzzle. Shamar Finney was strong in the middle after replacing Graham in 2000. Gino Capone and Derek Wake, a 6'3", 233-pounder with a knack for making big plays, are the front-runners on the outside.

Does size really matter? We're about to find out. The Lions figure to feature a huge secondary. Deryck Toles and Horace Dodd have come over from linebacker to help out at safety. Yaacov Yisrael is back after a trial at linebacker, too. Also in the mix is Shawn Mayer, who blew out his knee last August while battling James Boyd for a starting spot, and former receiver Sam Crenshaw.

All the safeties, with the exception of Yisrael, tip the scale at well over 200 pounds. So does Bryan Scott, who at 6'2", 215 is the biggest starting cornerback ever at Penn State. He'll handle the right side. Bruce Branch, who started six games in 2000 before being sidelined with an injury, will be on the left.

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

WR	**20**	**Eddie Drummond (Sr., 2)**	11	Tony Johnson (So., 1)
LT	**72**	**Gus Felder (Sr., 2)**	77	Chris McKelvy (So., 0)
LG	55	Greg Ransom (Sr., 2)	50	Tyler Lenda (Jr., 2)
C	63	Joe Iorio (Jr., 2)	59	Eric Rickenbach (Jr., 1)
RG	**71**	**Joe Hartings (Sr., 1)**	54	Scott Davis (Fr., 0)
RT	64	Matt Schmitt (Jr., 1)	70	Nick Marmo (Fr., 0)
TE	85	John Gilmore (Sr., 2)	82	Sean McHugh (So., 1)
QB	4	Matt Senneca (Jr., 1)	7	Zack Mills (Fr., 0)
FB	6	R.J. Luke (Jr., 1)	39	Paul Jefferson (So., 0)
RB	**8**	**Eric McCoo (Sr., 3)**	5	Larry Johnson (Jr., 2)
WR	24	Bryant Johnson (Jr., 2)	88	Matt Kranchick (So., 0)

Defense (5)

DE	**96**	**Bob Jones (Sr., 3)**	86	Jeremiah Davis (Fr., 0)
DT	**98**	**Anthony Adams (Jr., 2)**	99	Tim Falls (Jr., 1)
DT	**73**	**Jimmy Kennedy (Jr., 2)**	60	Tyler Valoczki (Jr., 1)
DE	81	Michael Haynes (Jr., 2)	87	John Bronson (Fr., 0)
LB	47	Gino Capone (So., 1)	48	T.C. Cosby (Fr., 0)
LB	**21**	**Shamar Finney (Sr., 2)**	51	Tim Johnson (Fr., 0)
LB	94	Derek Wake (So., 1)	65	Sam Ruhe (So., 1)
CB	**32**	**Bryan Scott (Jr., 2)**	13	Scott Sanden (Jr., 0)
SS	27	Horace Dodd (So., 1)	10	Sam Crenshaw (Sr., 2)
FS	15	Yaacov Yisrael (So., 1)	38	Jimi Mitchell (Fr., 0)
CB	1	Bruce Branch (Sr., 2)	45	Tom Humphrey (Sr., 0)

Special Teams

K	95	David Kimball (So., 1)
P	14	David Royer (Jr., 1)
KR	5	Larry Johnson (Jr., 2)
PR	1	Bruce Branch (Sr., 2)

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Head Coach: Joe Paterno — **2000 Record (Big Ten): 5-7 (4-4)**
2001 Prediction: 8th Big Ten — **Beaver Stadium (106,000)**

Air Force Falcons

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Motivation is never an issue with Air Force football players. Yet the team might have flinched when it heard something about replacing Southwest Texas State in the season opener with Oklahoma.

After all, coach Fisher DeBerry says, "It's not every day you get to play the defending national champions in your backyard."

The Falcons built their program by beating the likes of Notre Dame and are eager to test themselves against the reigning champs.

John Bettencourt

Justin Pendry

With the graduation of quarterback Mike Thiessen, AFA is "losing a lot of leadership, a lot of production, a lot of wins," says offensive coordinator Chuck Petersen.

44.7% The Falcons converted 44.7 percent of their third-down plays. Thanks also to 12 fourth-down conversions in 14 attempts, the Falcons held the ball for more than 32 minutes per game.

Keith Boyea, Chance Harridge and Bryan Blew are competing for the job. Boyea is strong and a good passer; Blew is quick and mentally sharp. But Harridge, who spent last season with the JV, dramatically altered the QB derby with his play in the spring. At one point, DeBerry said Harridge would start if the Falcons were playing a game that week. The battle will continue in August, with Harridge and Boyea the top contenders, followed by Blew. Naturally, the coaches would like to have a returning starter in 2002, but that's not enough reason to overlook Boyea.

Thiessen teamed perfectly with his veteran running backs, but the new quarterback will have to play with a mostly new group of RBs. Leotis Palmer, the group's developing star, rushed for 275 yards while averaging nearly six yards a carry. Tom Heier returns after missing 2000 with a knee injury. Look for the Falcons to rotate several halfbacks at the two positions, Brandon Brown, Michael Fieberkorn, Don Clark and others will have their chances to replace Scotty McKay and Qualario Brown.

At fullback, Scott Becker and Nathan Beard formed an ideal tandem. Senior Jimmy Burns and junior Michael Kelley will have the first shots at replacing them. The fullback's running and blocking is the initial phase of the wishbone, and Petersen is as concerned about this position as any on his offense, which rushed for 294.9 yards per game.

Senior left tackle Ben Miller will anchor AFA's offensive line, which annually plays as well as any group in the Mountain West Conference. Senior Matt Joseph played a lot at right guard and senior Brian Strock, a utility lineman, will move to left guard to replace all-conference player David Hildebrand. Senior center Matt Mai is steady, and AFA will have competition among senior Joseph Pugh, junior Dan Boyd and others at right tackle.

It used to be that Air Force receivers were worthless, but Ryan Fleming has changed all that. At 6'5", he's a physical receiver who can beat press coverage and is faster than opponents expect.

He caught 52 passes for 930 yards as a junior and pretty much beat BYU by himself (with Thiessen's help). Brian LaBasco is another receiving threat.

Tight end is a concern, with two quality players gone. Senior Kevin Runyon has moved from linebacker and is a good blocker, but his receiving skills are weak.

Air Force led the Mountain West in total offense at 451.9 yards per game last season, but the defense may have to step up this season with the loss of Thiessen.

Even while missing three games and half of another with an ankle injury, nose guard Zach Johnson made seven tackles for loss and was consistently disruptive.

Right tackle Justin Pendry recorded four sacks and Dan Probert will have a full-time chance at left tackle after making five sacks as a reserve.

All four starting linebackers are gone. Some combination of senior special team stalwarts Jamie Arthur, Jon Eccles and Andy Rule will play the two inside positions. Matt McCraney missed last season with a knee injury; and Tre' Cage and some young players will also have to deliver.

Sam Meinrod is set at strong safety. Jeff Overstreet has a cornerback's coverage ability, but free safety may be the best place to use him because of his range. The defensive backfield, consisting of Wes Crawley, Paul Mayo and Joel Buelow will be tested right away by Oklahoma's passing game.

Brooks Walters is the kicker and John Cortney and John Welsh are the top punting candidates.

Depth Chart

Offense (2)

WR	**5**	**Ryan Fleming (Sr., 2)**	6	Brian LaBasco (Jr., 1)
LT	**78**	**Ben Miller (Sr., 2)**	69	Randall Gibbs (Jr., 1)
LG	62	Brian Strock (Sr., 1)	71	Ryan van Maarth (Sr., 1)
C	50	Matt Mai (Sr., 1)	64	Paul Cancino (Sr., 1)
RG	67	Matt Joseph (Sr., 1)	65	Scott Meyer (Jr., 1)
RT	79	Joseph Pugh (Sr., 0)	75	Dan Boyd (Jr., 0)
TE	94	Andy Lueckenhoff (Jr., 1)	85	Kevin Runyon (Sr., 2)
QB	18	Keith Boyea (Sr., 1)	11	Chance Harridge (So., 0)
FB	32	Jimmy Burns (Sr., 1)	35	Michael Kelley (Jr., 1)
LHB	9	Leotis Palmer (Jr., 2)	10	Joseph Myhra (Jr., 0)
RHB	31	Brandon Brown (Jr., 0)	43	Michael Fieberkorn (Jr., 0)

Defense (4)

OLB	19	Tre' Cage (Sr., 1)	48	Larry vanderOord (Jr., 1)
LT	88	Dan Probert (Sr., 1)	89	Nate Osborne (Sr., 0)
NG	**92**	**Zach Johnson (Sr., 1)**	38	John Hicks (Jr., 1)
RT	**99**	**Justin Pendry (Sr., 2)**	91	Eric Thompson (Jr., 1)
OLB	59	Matt McCraney (Sr., 1)	47	Jon Highley (Jr., 0)
ILB	46	Jamie Arthur (Sr., 2)	55	Jon Eccles (Sr., 1)
ILB	49	Andy Rule (Sr., 1)	58	Marchello Graddy (So., 0)
SC	1	Paul Mayo (Jr., 0)	13	Brian Benton (Jr., 0)
FAL	**36**	**Sam Meinrod (Sr., 1)**	14	Eric Svendsen (Sr., 1)
FS	22	Jeff Overstreet (So., 1)	3	Adam Larson (So., 0)
WC	**20**	**Wes Crawley (Jr., 1)**	21	Joel Buelow (Jr. 0)

Special Teams

K	82	Brooks Walters (Sr., 1)
P	16	John Welsh (Jr., 1)
KR	31	Brandon Brown (Jr., 0)
PR	9	Leotis Palmer (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Fisher DeBerry — **2000 Record (MWC): 9-3 (5-2)**
2001 Prediction: 4th MWC — **Falcon Stadium (52,480)**

UAB Blazers

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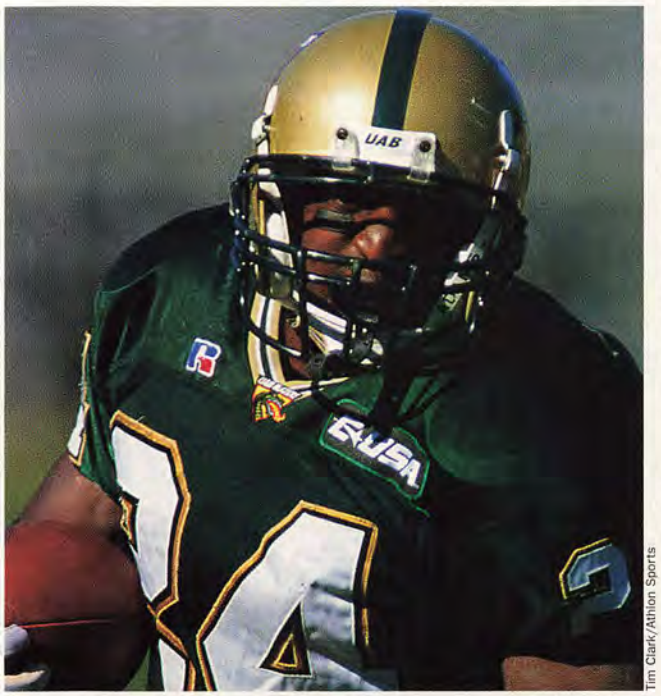
UAB coach Watson Brown admits he would have gone to the one-back, three-receiver set a year ago had injuries not interceded.

The now-healthy Blazers will debut the no-huddle look on a full-time basis this fall, complete with plays being signaled in from the sideline and, they hope, points being put up on the scoreboard. "That's the style we want here. It's what we want to do, spread the opponent out, run the ball, throw the ball, with no-huddle," Brown says.



Tim Clark/Athlon Sports

Jegil Dugger

If the offensive set, coupled with what could be one of the nation's top defenses, is effective, UAB will make a strong run at a bowl bid.

90 The number of net yards quarterback Jeff Aaron rushed for last fall, making him the team's second-leading returning rusher.

Senior Jeff Aaron gives the Blazers the prototype quarterback to run the spread. Aaron, who became the starter at midseason, is as dangerous in the open field as he is in the pocket. The team's second-leading returning rusher, Aaron completed 55 percent of his attempts and passed for more than 1,100 yards and five touchdowns. The Blazers went 4–2 in his six games as the starter.

Senior Jegil Dugger, who rushed for 852 yards last year, has the running back position firmly in his grasp. He runs low to the ground and is effective between the tackles. Although he underwent off-season shoulder surgery and was limited in spring workouts, Dugger is still considered a durable back.

The Blazers, who will often go to three- and four-wide sets, are well-stocked at wide receiver. Junior Willie Quinnie will be the team's big-play receiver. He struggled at the outset of last season after injuring his knee in the opener, but when healthy, Quinnie can be a spectacular receiver.

Senior Leron Little is not, as his surname implies, small. Little is 6'6" and uses his size to outjump defensive backs. T.J. Simmons could join Quinnie as a big-play receiver. He played safety to start the season a year ago, but injuries to the team's receiving corps forced him to play two ways.

Not much experience returns on the offensive line, but there's enough talent to build a quality unit. NFL scouts are keeping close tabs on 6'5", 325-pound guard Preston Fray. Kirk Tuck made a dramatic rise from third string to starting center a year ago, taking advantage of injuries to climb the depth chart. UAB moved Wilbert Hamilton from defense to left tackle, where the sophomore is expected to stage a strong battle for the starting position. Freshman Andy Galloway may earn a start at right tackle or right guard.

The UAB defensive line is a senior-laden unit with an attitude and a track record. End Bryan Thomas, expected to go high in the 2002 NFL Draft, anchors the group. Eddie Freeman, a 6'6" defensive tackle, is also considered a pro prospect. Marlon Bush takes over at rush end for the Blazers. He's smaller than his C-USA counterparts, but Bush makes up for it with an aggressive nature. Like Thomas, he excels as a pass rusher. At nose guard, UAB will start senior Rodney Jones, who is as aggressive as his colleagues. He will be challenged for playing time by 330-pound freshman Shamar Abrams.

In the Blazers' defensive scheme, there are two linebackers. At 5'11" and 217 pounds, senior Nick Stewart may not have the size most would associate with the position, but he makes up for it by playing like a big safety. Stewart is a good athlete with strong cover skills. Another senior, Adrian Abrams, is the hardest hitter on the defense. Two years ago, he knocked former Louisville quarterback Chris Redman, known for his toughness, out of the game for a brief period.

The leader of the secondary is senior safety Adrian Singleton, who has a knack for coming up with key defensive plays. Strong safety Torrey Hale is only 5'9", but is a solid hitter. Cornerback Patrick Burchfield also is somewhat undersized at 5'10", but has excellent speed.

Senior Avery Warner and junior Chris Brown fill out the remaining positions. Warner, a strong cover man, will play the weak safety position. Brown will play cornerback.

Rhett Gallego gives the Blazers one of the league's best placekickers. Gallego, an accurate kicker who excels in pressure situations, had game-winning field goals to beat LSU and East Carolina. Gallego hit 19-of-24 field goal attempts and connected on eight-of-11 from 40 yards or longer. Ross Stewart returns as the Blazers' punter.

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

SE	83	Leron Little (Sr., 2)	3	Travis Johnson (Sr., 3)
LT	70	Wilbert Hamilton (So., 1)	57	Brad Spencer (Sr., 1)
LG	65	Preston Fray (Sr., 3)	66	Allen Branch (So., 1)
C	**68**	**Kirk Tuck (Jr., 2)**	54	Barker White (Fr., 0)
RG	61	Larry Coachman (Jr., 1)	69	Eddie LaFavour (So., 1)
RT	72	Andy Galloway (Fr., 0)	77	Artavious Williams (So., 1)
TE	82	Jeff Tippetts (So., 1)	86	Cory Nix (So., 1)
QB	**2**	**Jeff Aaron (Sr., 1)**	14	Thomas Cox (Jr., 2)
RB	**24**	**Jegil Dugger (Sr., 3)**	32	Bernard Anderson (Jr., 2)
FL	**5**	**Willie Quinnie (Jr., 1)**	81	Royd Williams (Sr., 1)
WR	7	Kenny Borders (Jr., 2)	9	T.J. Simmons (Jr., 2)

Defense (10)

DE	90	Marlon Bush (Sr., 3)	96	Hassan McKeithan (Jr., 2)
DT	**89**	**Eddie Freeman (Sr., 3)**	98	James Malone (Sr., 2)
NG	**34**	**Rodney Jones (Sr., 2)**	93	Shamar Abrams (Fr., 0)
DE	**46**	**Bryan Thomas (Sr., 3)**	56	Ryan Meeks (Sr., 2)
LB	**10**	**Rod Taylor (Sr., 1)**	36	Nick Stewart (Sr., 2)
LB	**52**	**Adrian Abrams (Sr., 3)**	55	John Humphries (Sr., 1)
WS	**37**	**Avery Warner (Sr., 2)**	39	Sentell Winston (Jr., 2)
SS	**29**	**Torrey Hale (Sr., 1)**	44	Wes Foss (Sr., 3)
FS	**35**	**Adrian Singleton (Sr., 3)**	8	Thurman Pearson (So., 1)
CB	**21**	**Patrick Burchfield (Sr., 1)**	40	Dio Hill (So., 0)
CB	**31**	**Chris Brown (Jr., 2)**	23	Mario Stanley (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	95	Rhett Gallego (Sr., 3)
P	92	Ross Stewart (Jr., 2)
KR	5	Willie Quinnie (Jr., 1)
PR	23	Mario Stanley (So., 1)

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Head Coach: Watson Brown — **2000 Record (C-USA): 7–4 (3–4)**
2001 Prediction: 4th C-USA — **Legion Field (83,091)**

Ole Miss Rebels

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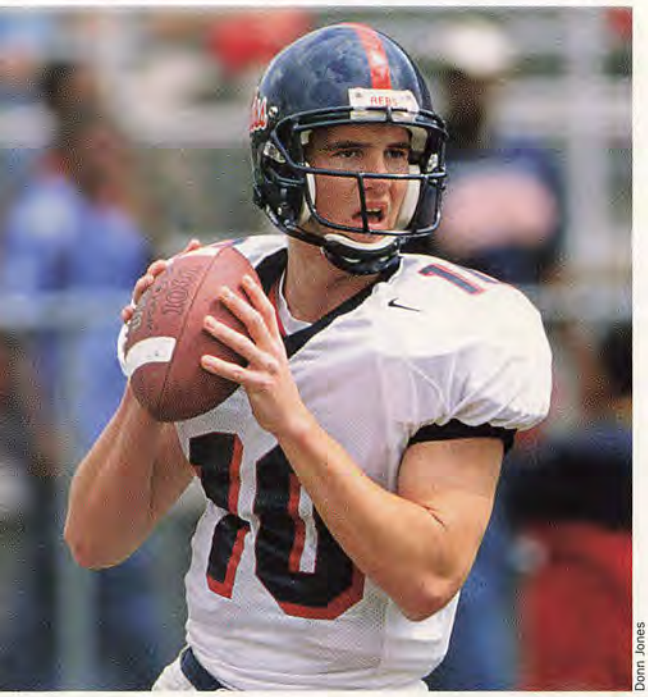
David Cutcliffe is a realist. When the third-year Ole Miss coach looks around and sees only 12 scholarship seniors, he knows this isn't the right time for the Rebels to bear the burden of great expectations. "I would think that most people will pick us last or next to last (in the SEC West)," Cutcliffe says. "That's probably fair when you look at our division."



Donn Jones

Eli Manning

Last year, there were big expectations, which led to big-time pressure. With a young, inexperienced squad in 2001, the Rebels want to be the hunters instead of the hunted.

"This team improved over the spring as much as any team I've been around," Cutcliffe says. "We're not here to make any statements about what we're going to do. But I can promise you we'll keep getting better."

72 The team-high number of tackles linebacker Eddie Strong had in 1999 before missing the 2000 season due to a foot injury.

For starters, Eli's coming. Rebel fans are anxiously waiting to see whether QB Eli Manning can build on his coming-out party in the Music City Bowl when he threw three TD passes against West Virginia in a 49–38 loss. But mopping up in a bowl game and starting in the SEC are two different things.

"I am excited about what Eli can become," Cutcliffe says. "He has got the tools to be a great quarterback." Manning has a gun, but his greatest asset may be his grasp of the system.

With running back Deuce McAllister gone, Joe Gunn is ready to step into the spotlight. Gunn gained 951 yards as a sophomore, but never got into a rhythm last season. A tough inside runner with shifty moves, Gunn spent the spring working on his pass protection and receiving. The Rebels are in good shape at fullback, where Charles Stackhouse leads the way. He has had injury problems during his career, but he could be one of the league's best if he stays healthy.

The Rebels are on the lookout for a go-to receiver. Veteran Jamie Armstrong could be the guy, as could speedy Chris Collins or improving Omar Rayford. Collins, who caught eight passes for 106 yards in the spring game, seems to be developing a special chemistry with Manning.

Ole Miss also anticipates getting plenty of production from tight end Doug Zeigler, who has outstanding speed and soft hands.

The offensive line will be anchored by All-SEC left tackle Terrence Metcalf, a converted guard, and third-year starting center Ben Claxton, who missed much of 2000 after suffering a fractured fibula. Belton Johnson will return for his second season as a starter at right tackle.

The Rebels must replace guards Keydrick Vincent and Shane Grice, and performances at those spots will likely be the key to the line's effectiveness. The depth along the front is good, meaning Ole Miss should be able to withstand an injury or two.

The Rebels are light and inexperienced on the defensive line and must find some playmakers in a hurry. The one constant is tackle Anthony Sims, who can play the run and put some heat on the passer.

Coaches liked what they saw from end Charlie Anderson in spring practice, and tackle Kenny Jackson gives the Rebels some much-needed bulk. Up-and-comers such as Brian Lester, Johnny Ducking, Yahrek Johnson, Jesse Mitchell, Josh Cooper and Justin Blake will also have opportunities.

Ole Miss suffered a major blow last year when linebacker Eddie Strong was forced to sit out the season because of foot surgery. Strong has returned to significantly upgrade a linebacking corps that is anxious to swarm and make plays in what is an aggressive system.

Veterans Lanier Goethie, Kevin Thomas and Ryan Hamilton will be factors, and junior college transfer Germain Landrum adds speed and athleticism.

Strong safety Syniker Taylor will anchor the defensive backfield and be counted on to provide defensive leadership. Von Hutchins moves in at free safety, and Desmon Johnson will try to give the Rebels the same type of coverage at left corner that Ken Lucas provided last year. The Rebels return Justin Coleman at right cornerback. He must overcome his penchant for interference penalties.

The Rebels will hold their breath until the new specialists have had some training under fire. Lee Rogers and Jonathan Nichols are battling for the kicking job, and the competition was too close to call coming out of the spring. Redshirt freshman Cody Ridgeway takes over for Reagan King as the punter.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

SE	8	Chris Collins (So., 1)	84	Bill Flowers (Fr., 0)
LT	**79**	**Terrence Metcalf (Sr., 3)**	74	Cliff Woodruff (So., 1)
LG	63	German Bello (Jr., 2)	62	Doug Buckles (Fr., 0)
C	**55**	**Ben Claxton (Jr., 2)**	53	Justin Sawyer (Jr., 2)
RG	77	Matt Koon (Sr., 2)	76	Marcus Johnson (Fr., 0)
RT	**58**	**Belton Johnson (Jr., 2)**	71	James Campbell (Fr., 0)
TE	**89**	**Doug Zeigler (Jr., 2)**	90	Mitch Skrmetta (Sr., 3)
QB	10	Eli Manning (So., 1)	15	David Morris (Jr., 2)
RB	28	Joe Gunn (Sr., 3)	35	Robert Williams (Jr., 2)
FB	**45**	**Charles Stackhouse (Sr., 3)**	6	Toward Sanford (Jr., 2)
WR	**7**	**Jamie Armstrong (Sr., 3)**	49	Ross Barkley (Jr., 1)

Defense (5)

LE	85	Charlie Anderson (So., 1)	57	Brian Lester (Fr., 0)
LT	**32**	**Anthony Sims (Sr., 3)**	98	Yahrek Johnson (Jr., 2)
RT	92	Kenny Jackson (Sr., 1)	95	Jesse Mitchell (So., 1)
RE	99	Josh Cooper (So., 1)	37	Justin Blake (Jr., 2)
SLB	1	Eddie Strong (Jr., 2)	51	Justin Wade (So., 1)
MLB	**2**	**Lanier Goethie (Jr., 2)**	**38**	**Kevin Thomas (Sr., 3)**
WLB	56	Germain Landrum (Jr., 0)	33	Ryan Hamilton (Jr., 2)
LCB	31	Desmon Johnson (Jr., 2)	17	Wes Scott (Jr., 2)
FS	5	Von Hutchins (So., 1)	13	Travis Blanchard (So., 1)
SS	**23**	**Syniker Taylor (Sr., 3)**	29	Marcus Woodson (So., 1)
RCB	**21**	**Justin Coleman (Sr., 3)**	22	Chris Knight (Jr., 0)

Special Teams

K	93	Lee Rodgers (So., 1)
P	97	Cody Ridgeway (Fr., 0)
KR	35	Robert Williams (Jr., 2)
PR	35	Robert Williams (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: David Cutcliffe **2000 Record (SEC): 7-5 (4-4)**
2001 Prediction: 5th SEC West **Vaught-Hemingway Stadium (45,577)**

Virginia Cavaliers

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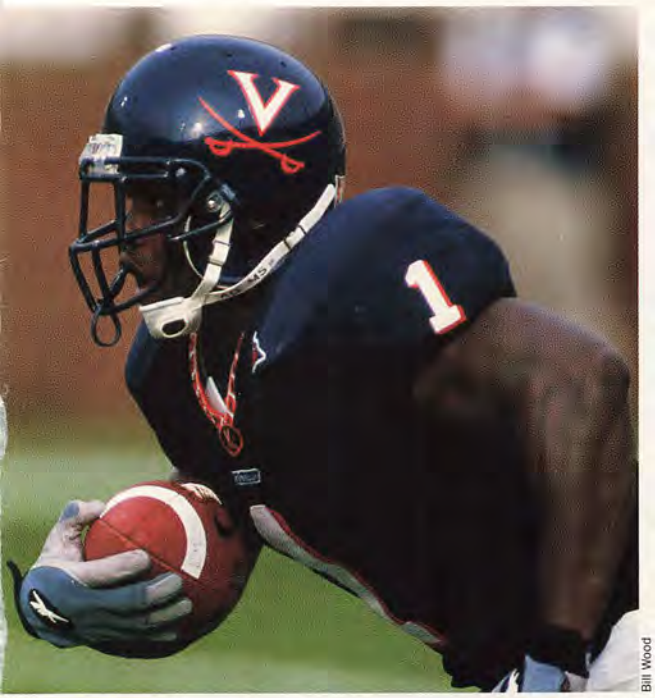
Virginia football coach Al Groh didn't leave the New York Jets for his alma mater simply to come home. He came back to win. Groh spent 13 years in the NFL before returning to Charlottesville to replace future Hall of Famer George Welsh.

While the old coach didn't exactly leave the cupboard bare, Groh's mission to win won't be a stroll in the park because of a challenging schedule and porous defense. But Groh has no fear. "When you've lined it up in Green Bay, against Baltimore, Denver and Oakland, you're certainly not going to be intimidated by going to places like Florida State, Clemson and Virginia Tech," says Groh.



Bill Wood

Antwoine Womack

1,000 The number of yards needed by senior tailback Antwoine Womack to become Virginia's fourth 1,000-yard rusher in a row.

Sophomores Bryson Spinner and Matt Schaub battled for the starting quarterback job during spring ball, but nothing will be settled until preseason camp. Spinner has the most experience, having started three games last season when regular Dan Ellis was hampered by hamstring problems. A mobile quarterback with a strong arm, Spinner showed his running ability with a 61-yard carry against NC State, the longest run by a Cavalier quarterback since 1964. At 6'5", Schaub is the classic dropback-style quarterback, but is mobile enough that the offense will not change regardless who is the starter.

The best thing Virginia has going for it is tailback Antwoine Womack, who led the ACC in rushing last season with 1,028 yards. Womack has been challenged by Groh to exceed last year's effort. "His skills are very obvious," Groh says. "This is the leading rusher in the conference we're talking about and it's human nature that he would think he didn't need any of the advice I've given him. But he has taken that information and applied it to his game."

The Cavs are loaded in the backfield with senior Tyree Foreman, a versatile runner who is slated to start at fullback, and junior Arlen Harris.

Groh and his offensive staff need some receivers to emerge. Juniors Billy McMullen and Tavon Mason and sophomore Michael McGrew are the only receivers with any real experience. McMullen broke some of Herman Moore's UVa freshman receiving records and has enjoyed two solid seasons, yet he still won the team's Most Improved Offensive Player award during spring drills. McGrew showed flashes as a true freshman and Mason is the fastest player on the team.

There was some shuffling on the offensive line in the spring as former starting left guard Jared Woodson, coming off a neck injury that forced him to miss most of last season, moved to center and former starting left tackle Jermese Jones moved to right tackle. Both provide senior leadership on a big, athletic offensive line that can move.

Kevin Bailey played up and down the offensive line last season when he was named the team's top freshman. He is likely to start at left tackle this fall, while the guards are another pair of seniors in Josh Lawson and Evan Routzahn.

All four defensive line starters return. Monsanto Pope started every game last season and teams up at tackle with George Stanley, who missed the last three games with an ankle injury. They will line up with ends Ljubomir Stamenich, the team's leading pass rusher, and Darryl Sanders.

The Cavaliers lost their starting linebacking corps to graduation, but the coaches were pleased with the new crop. Angelo Crowell is an aggressive player with good speed. He is joined in the starting lineup by William Clark and a potential star in Raymond Mann.

Despite the loss of both starting cornerbacks, the Cavaliers could be better in the secondary. Jamaine Winborne — who played in 10 games as a true freshman — Art Thomas and Almondo Curry are battling to become the new starting cornerbacks.

Jerton Evans and Shernard Newby, the returning starters at safety, will be challenged by Chris Williams, a former starter who sat out last season on academic suspension, and Devon Simmons, a ferocious tackler.

The Cavaliers return two of the top kicking specialists in the country in punter Mike Abrams and kicker David Greene. Abrams averaged 42.6 yards per punt last season and his booming kicks helped UVa rank fifth nationally in net punting. Greene was good on 11-of-15 field goal attempts and booted 30-of-49 kickoffs into the end zone.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR	**11**	**Billy McMullen (Jr., 2)**	16	Tavon Mason (Jr., 2)
LT	65	Kevin Bailey (So., 1)	76	Tom Howell (Fr., 0)
LG	**52**	**Josh Lawson (Sr., 3)**	79	Ben Carber (So., 0)
C	64	Jared Woodson (Sr., 2)	57	Jay Green (So., 0)
RG	**56**	**Evan Routzahn (Sr., 3)**	78	Micah Kimball (So., 0)
RT	**74**	**Jermese Jones (Sr., 2)**	72	Mike Mullins (Jr., 1)
TE	81	Chris Luzar (Sr., 3)	99	Kase Luzar (So., 1)
WR	80	Michael McGrew (So., 0)	16	Tavon Mason (Jr., 2)
QB	3	Bryson Spinner (So., 1)	7	Matt Schaub (So., 0)
FB	42	Tyree Foreman (Sr., 2)	8	Jon Ward (So., 0)
TB	**1**	**Antwoine Womack (Sr., 2)**	23	Arlen Harris (Jr., 2)

Defense (6)

LE	**91**	**Ljubomir Stamenich (Sr., 3)**	95	Chris Canty (Fr., 0)
LT	**98**	**Monsanto Pope (Sr., 3)**	59	Colin McWeeny (Jr., 2)
RT	**62**	**George Stanley (Sr., 2)**	90	Terrell Ricks (So., 0)
RE	**94**	**Darryl Sanders (Sr., 2)**	92	Larry Simmons (So., 1)
LB	55	Angelo Crowell (Jr., 2)	10	Earl Sims (Sr., 2)
LB	28	William Clark (Sr., 3)	45	Dennis Haley (Fr., 0)
LB	50	Raymond Mann (So., 1)	34	John Duckett (Sr., 2)
LC	29	Jamaine Winborne (So., 0)	22	Almondo Curry (So., 0)
RC	25	Art Thomas (So., 1)	2	Rashad Roberson (Jr., 1)
SS	**30**	**Jerton Evans (Jr., 2)**	39	Chris Williams (Jr., 1)
FS	**29**	**Shernard Newby (Jr., 2)**	6	Devon Simmons (Sr., 2)

Special Teams

K	31	David Greene (Sr., 3)
P	82	Mike Abrams (Sr., 2)
KR	25	Art Thomas (So., 1)
PR	23	Arlen Harris (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Al Groh — **2000 Record (ACC): 6–6 (5–3)**
2001 Prediction: 6th ACC — **Scott Stadium (61,500)**

Arizona State Sun Devils

56

Dirk Koetter's job is to get the Sun Devils out of a 6–5 rut that characterized the nine-year tenure of Bruce Snyder. Over the last two seasons, ASU's record is a very ordinary 12–12.

Koetter believes a coach can win a national championship at ASU. He's anxious to win immediately.

"We need to be on a one-year plan," he says. "We have (seniors) who would like to go to the best bowl they can go to and win a Pac-10 championship. Certainly that's our goal. I can't deliver that, I can't predict that. I can't promise that. But certainly that's what we are working for."

Jason Wise

Solomon Bates

114.2 ASU's rushing average last year, which ranked ninth in the Pac-10. It was the fourth-worst rushing performance by the Sun Devils in the past 54 seasons.

The three returning quarterbacks, Jeff Krohn, Matt Cooper and Andrew Walter, started from ground zero in spring practice learning a vastly different system.

Krohn has the most experience. He passed for a freshman school-record 432 yards and five touchdowns against Oregon. But he has durability issues. He's twice contracted mononucleosis and has missed time because of a mild concussion and knee and thumb injuries. Cooper, a junior, was unable to earn any playing time but appeared to be rejuvenated in spring ball. Walter was a big-time recruit.

ASU's season took a turn last August when running back Delvon Flowers tore up a knee. With their all-conference candidate out, the Sun Devils were forced to go to Tom Pace, a walk-on. Surprisingly he emerged as a consistent running back and beat out backup Davaren Hightower and recruits Mike Williams and Derick Arnold.

Flowers is a smooth glider with can't-catch-me speed, and he's now bigger and stronger. He wasn't 100 percent in spring practice but will be fully recovered. Fullback Mike Karney has a thick, mobile body, but his role in Koetter's offense remains to be defined.

In Koetter's system, it's the wideouts who are counted on for the big plays. Donnie O'Neal was ASU's second-leading receiver and returns for his final season as a starter. Junior Justin Taplin was a recruit who may be poised to live up to expectations. Sophomore Shaun McDonald had an inconsistent season but has loads of talent. Talented Mike Pinkard has all the ability to be a standout tight end but has had trouble being a consistent pass receiver.

Four offensive line starters return, led by All-Pac-10 center Scott Peters. Right tackle is the lone opening but the right side could be new. Starting guard Kyle Kosier, who missed spring practice nursing a shoulder injury, may move to tackle with sophomore Regis Crawford, a backup center last year, moving in at guard.

Despite inconsistency, guard Marquise Muldrow could be a good player.

Levi Jones is in his third season as a starter, second at left tackle. He was honorable mention All-Pac-10 last season.

Defensive end Terrell Suggs had a standout freshman season, leading the team in sacks and tackles for loss. He fits the new scheme beautifully. He's the best pass rusher and has a knack for being around the ball. Tackle Kurt Wallin is undersized but is active. Seniors Paul Glass and Danny Masaniai had the inconsistent seasons that are typical for many junior college transfers. Ben Fox and Brian Montesanto battle for the other end spot.

Solomon Bates, Mason Unck, Eric Fields and Josh Amobi are all experienced linebackers. Senior Jamall Anderson, a touted junior college recruit two years ago, is getting a chance to resurrect his career under the new coaching staff.

Al Williams, who ranked third in tackles, is noted as a head-hunter and seems a perfect fit for one safety spot. Willie Daniel will have one of the strong safety spots; he's a two-year starter.

The other safety spot is up for grabs. Redshirt freshman Michael Holloway moved ahead of junior Brandon Falkner to lay claim to it.

That leaves the starting cornerback positions to a pair of redshirt freshmen, Emmanuel Franklin and R.J. Oliver. Freshman Lamar Baker was considered ASU's top recruit and is expected to contribute at cornerback as well.

Nick Murphy is back as the punter and Mike Barth will handle placekicking again.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR	6	**Donnie O'Neal (Sr., 1)**	19	Ryan Dennard (Sr., 2)
LT	78	**Levi Jones (Sr., 3)**	77	Adrian Ayala (Fr., 0)
LG	79	**Marquise Muldrow (Sr., 1)**	74	Damien Niko (So., 0)
C	53	**Scott Peters (Sr., 3)**	44	Tony Aguilar (So., 1)
RG	70	Regis Crawford (So., 1)	71	Drew Hodgdon (Fr., 0)
RT	69	**Kyle Kosier (Sr., 2)**	64	Travis Scott (Sr., 0)
TE	86	Mike Pinkard (Jr., 2)	85	Frank Maddox (So., 1)
QB	5	**Jeff Krohn (So., 1)**	14	Matt Cooper (Jr., 1)
FB	46	Mike Karney (So., 1)	47	Darrel Turner (Jr., 2)
RB	8	Delvon Flowers (Sr., 1)	23	Tom Pace (Sr., 1)
WR	81	Shaun McDonald (So., 1)	4	Justin Taplin (Jr., 2)

Defense (6)

DE	97	Brian Montesanto (So., 1)	49	Ben Fox (So., 1)
DT	99	Tommie Townsend (Sr., 2)	73	Paul Glass (Sr., 1)
DT	59	**Kurt Wallin (Sr., 2)**	98	James Beal (Jr., 1)
DE	48	**Terrell Suggs (So., 1)**	94	Chad Howell (So., 1)
LB	1	**Solomon Bates (Jr., 2)**	55	Josh Amobi (Jr., 2)
LB	10	**Eric Fields (Sr., 3)**	52	Mason Unck (Jr., 2)
CB	23	Emmanuel Franklin (Fr., 0)	38	Josiah Igono (Jr., 2)
CB	26	R.J. Oliver (Fr., 0)	14	Dalen Ware (Jr., 2)
LS	37	**Willie Daniel (Sr., 3)**	9	Davaren Hightower (Sr., 3)
RS	39	**Al Williams (Jr., 2)**	15	Riccardo Stewart (Fr., 0)
FS	20	Michael Holloway (Fr., 0)	29	Brandon Falkner (Jr., 2)

Special Teams

K	13	Mike Barth (Jr., 2)
P	84	Nick Murphy (Sr., 2)
KR	4	Justin Taplin (Jr., 2)
PR	81	Shaun McDonald (So., 1)

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Head Coach: Dirk Koetter — **2000 Record (Pac-10): 6–6 (3–5)**
2001 Prediction: 7th Pac-10 — **Sun Devil Stadium (73,379)**

Iowa State Cyclones

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Iowa State is coming off a storybook season in which it won nine games for the first time since 1906 and for only the second time in school history. The Cyclones also extended their season for the first time in 22 years, defeating Pittsburgh in the Insight.com Bowl. The bowl win was their first in five tries.

Things couldn't have been much better for a program that last had a winning record in 1989. The Cyclones' success probably salvaged coach Dan McCarney's job. "We've almost had to move a mountain, and it's been one grain, one pebble at a time," he said following a victory against Kansas to finish the regular season.

Scott Boehm

Ennis Haywood

Sustaining the success will be a different matter, however.

> **0** The number of fumbles Ennis Haywood has lost in 332 carries and 372 total touches during his career at ISU. He has fumbled only once, and the Cyclones recovered.

Quarterback Sage Rosenfels is the biggest loss on offense. The task of replacing him falls on the shoulders of junior Seneca Wallace, who emerged from spring practice atop the depth chart, and sophomore Gerrin Scott.

Wallace is an exceptional athlete who can tuck the ball away and run. He threw for 3,675 yards and 22 touchdowns as a sophomore at Sacramento City College.

Senior Ennis Haywood rushed for 1,237 yards and scored eight touchdowns in 10 games last fall, becoming the fourth Iowa State back in the past six years to lead the Big 12 in rushing. "He's a guy who is so instinctive, they don't need to have everything blocked because if there's a crease, he'll find it," says Nebraska coach Frank Solich.

With sophomores Michael Wagner, JaMaine Billups and Hiawatha Rutland as backups, tailback is the team's deepest position. Wagner rushed for 100 or more yards in two games.

The versatile Haywood also is an integral part of the ISU passing game. He has good hands and was fourth on the team with 25 receptions for 211 yards. In addition to being a tenacious blocker and an asset to the running game, tight end Mike Banks caught 27 passes for 273 yards.

Craig Campbell, Lane Danielsen and Jack Whitver are the top candidates to replace J.J. Moses as a big-play threat at wide receiver. Campbell caught 20 passes in 2000, including three for gains of 53, 34 and 32 yards against Nebraska.

The Cyclone offense averaged 424 yards per game, the fourth-highest average in school history. An offensive line that allowed only seven sacks was a key element. Offensive coordinator and line coach Steve Loney must build around seniors Marcel Howard and Lorenzo White, the returning starters.

Cory Hannen, Zach Butler and Bob Montgomery would have played more as backups, but the starters remained healthy, something that hadn't been the case in recent seasons. Continued good health is critical to a rebuilt line devoid of depth.

The defense wasn't that impressive statistically, allowing more than 400 yards per game and ranking 10th in the conference and 88th nationally. And with the departure of end Reggie Hayward and tackle James Reed, there's little reason to expect the defense to be any better.

Kevin DeRonde (two sacks, seven tackles for a loss in 2000) has size and speed at one end. He was injured during spring practice, but a full recovery is expected. Jordan Carstens has gained nearly 50 pounds since he arrived and shows potential at tackle. Willie Judd will be the No. 1 noseguard heading into two-a-days in August.

The defense is thin across the board, but at least there's some experience at linebacker. Chris Whitaker is the projected starter in the middle, but he must recover from a broken leg suffered during spring drills. Another starter, weak-side 'backer Justin Eilers, missed the final week of spring practice with a broken jaw. Matt Word (63 tackles last year) and talented Tyson Smith will be fighting for playing time in preseason camp. Smith may also get a look at defensive end.

The secondary also is a concern, particularly at cornerback. Only three players have appreciable experience, and just one of them is a cornerback, junior Atif Austin. Several young players will battle in preseason camp for the other starting corner spot.

Despite his size (5'10", 160), free safety Marc Timmons is capable of making big plays. Adam Runk has made significant strides; the senior strong safety made 24 of his 42 tackles in the final three games.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

SE	82	Lane Danielsen (So., 1)	83	Jamaul Montgomery (So., 1)
LT	**75**	**Marcel Howard (Sr., 3)**	78	T.J. Woods (Jr., 0)
LG	65	Bob Montgomery (So., 1)	77	Brian Donahue (Sr., 1)
C	68	Zach Butler (Jr., 1)	55	Jared Bucksa (Sr., 1)
RG	**76**	**Lorenzo White (Sr., 1)**	67	Luke Vander Sanden (Fr., 0)
RT	67	Cory Hannen (Sr., 3)	71	Casey Shelton (So., 0)
WR	**19**	**Craig Campbell (Sr., 2)**	14	Jesse Arnold (Jr., 0)
QB	15	Seneca Wallace (Jr., 0)	17	Gerrin Scott (So., 1)
TB	**2**	**Ennis Haywood (Sr., 3)**	20	Michael Wagner (So., 1)
TE	**31**	**Mike Banks (Sr., 3)**	93	Kyle Knock (Jr., 1)
FL	26	Jack Whitver (So., 0)	33	Larry Anglin (Jr., 0)

Defense (7)

RE	55	Beau Coleman (Jr., 0)	36	Brett Kellog (Fr., 0)
DT	**92**	**Jordan Carstens (So., 1)**	96	Paul Jarrett (Fr., 0)
NG	95	Willie Judd (Sr., 1)	35	Cale Stubbe (Fr., 0)
DE	**99**	**Kevin DeRonde (Sr., 3)**	91	Tim TeBrink (Fr., 0)
LB	41	Jeremy Loyd (Jr., 0)	1	Tyson Smith (So., 1)
LB	**47**	**Chris Whitaker (Jr., 2)**	**46**	**Matt Word (Jr., 2)**
LB	**44**	**Justin Eilers (Sr., 1)**	34	Royce Hooks (So., 1)
SS	9	Adam Runk (Sr., 3)	42	Nick Linder (So., 0)
FS	**18**	**Marc Timmons (So., 1)**	17	Anthony Forrest (Fr., 0)
CB	14	Harold Clewis (So., 1)	10	Johnny Smith III (So., 1)
CB	**21**	**Atif Austin (Jr., 2)**	3	Bryan Ollie (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	14	Tony Yelk (Fr., 0)
P	14	Tony Yelk (Fr., 0)
KR	6	JaMain Billups (So., 1)
PR	20	Michael Wagner (So., 1)

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Head Coach: Dan McCarney — **2000 Record (Big 12): 9-3 (5-3)**
2001 Prediction: 4th Big 12 North — **Jack Trice Stadium (43,000)**

Arizona Wildcats

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The facelift given to Arizona's football program has been so thorough that new coach John Mackovic replaced secretaries, medical personnel and equipment managers. Mackovic is in the right place at the right time. He inherits a strong defense that finished second in the Pac-10 last year and is capable of moving up a spot this season. All he needs to do now is find a capable quarterback, something his predecessor Dick Tomey often struggled with.

Jason Wise

Keoni Frazier

QB Jason Johnson has become the clear leader, which isn't necessarily good news. He's attempted a mere six passes in his college career, and has neither a strong arm nor the quickness to escape a rush. Cliff Watkins, who hasn't played in a college game, climbed ahead of Tennessee transfer John Rattay into the No. 2 spot.

> **23** The number of years Arizona has been in the Pac-10, and the number of years Arizona has failed to go to the Rose Bowl. Mackovic says "not only will we go to the Rose Bowl, we'll win it when we get there."

The top incoming recruit, quarterback Nic Costa, isn't expected to play early in the season.

Rarely have the Wildcats been positioned better at tailback. Clarence Farmer and Leo Mills combined for 1,256 yards last year and are likely to split time again. Farmer might be used more at fullback in Mackovic's two-back set. He's 224 pounds and an inside runner.

The Wildcats also welcome in Mike Bell, Arizona's 2000 high school Player of the Year.

Receiver Bobby Wade earned first-team All-Pac 10 honors as a return specialist and was an honorable mention all-conference selection at wide receiver. He caught 45 passes as a sophomore, and his production should increase in Mackovic's system. Arizona hasn't been able to find another WR able to eliminate double coverage on Wade.

Malosi Leonard is a useful possession receiver and will play extensively. Andrae Thurman, a quick athlete who caught 14 passes last fall, will be challenged by Gary Love and Brandon Marshall. The tight end is junior James Hugo, a skilled run-blocker with exceptional size who should become more involved in the passing game.

Arizona's O-line is solid. Its depth is not. Six players have extensive starting experience, with center Steven Grace expected to be the leader of the group. He was a second-team all-conference pick in 1999 but missed the 2000 season with a shoulder injury.

Left tackle Makoa Freitas and left guard Kevin Barry have been outstanding at times, though Freitas is coming off foot surgery. Reggie Sampay will start at right guard after a strong freshman season.

Much like Sampay, guard Aaron Higginbotham and tackle Darren Safranek played by default last year. They were somewhat undersized, but both expect to enter the season at close to 285 pounds.

The D-line is a strong part of the defense that former Giants defensive coordinator Larry Mac Duff inherited. Tackles Anthony Thomas and Keoni Fraser combined for 21 tackles for a loss.

The defensive end situation is also promising. Eli Wnek, who had 31 tackles and five sacks as a freshman, returns after two seasons as a tight end. Alex Luna has started 10 games at end, and Johnny Jackson, who struggled in his first year, could become a strong pass-rusher.

The player to watch is redshirt freshman Fata Avegalio. Senior Austin Uku will see time at Arizona's whip linebacker position, a combo linebacker and down lineman.

After moving from fullback, linebacker Lance Briggs became the Pac-10's second-leading tackler (113).

Playing opposite Briggs will be Joe Siofele, and Shelton Ross. Junior Ray Wells, coming off a redshirt year, put himself in the mix with a strong spring performance.

Eight players have started in the secondary, giving new secondary coach Steve Bernstein a promising situation. The best is cornerback Michael Jolivette, a man-to-man coverage specialist with some pop. Strong safety Brandon Nash enjoyed a solid junior season. The cornerback spot opposite Jolivette is a competition among Jermaine Chatman, David Hinton, David Laudermilk and Anthony Banks.

Free safety Jarvie Worcester could lose his job to intimidating Clay Hardt. Zaharius Johnson is a strong reserve behind Nash.

Senior punter Chris Palic could lose his job to Ramey Peru. Junior kicker Sean Keel made 13-of-17 field goals but will be challenged by Bobby Gill and Doug Jones.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR	25	**Malosi Leonard (Sr., 3)**	6	Brandon Marshall (Sr., 1)
LT	77	Makoa Freitas (Sr., 3)	**78**	**Darren Safranek (Jr., 2)**
LG	72	**Kevin Barry (Sr., 1)**	60	Aaron Higginbotham (Jr., 2)
C	66	Steven Grace (Sr., 3)	67	Keoki Fraser (Fr., 0)
RG	75	**Reggie Sampay (So., 1)**	65	John Vorsheck (Jr., 0)
RT	68	Brandon Phillips (So., 1)	59	Chris Johnson (Fr., 0)
TE	89	James Hugo (Jr., 2)	88	Justin Levasseur (So., 0)
WR	1	**Bobby Wade (Jr., 2)**	3	Andrae Thurman (So., 1)
QB	10	Jason Johnson (Jr., 0)	15	Cliff Watkins (So., 0)
TB	32	**Clarence Farmer (So., 1)**	20	Leo Mills (Jr., 2)
FB	40	Mike Detwiler (Sr., 1)	36	Anthony Fulcher (So., 1)

Defense (7)

DE	54	Alex Luna (Sr., 3)	51	Austin Uku (Sr., 1)
NT	56	**Keoni Fraser (Sr., 3)**	93	Young Thompson (Jr., 2)
DT	58	**Anthony Thomas (Sr., 3)**	95	Ben Alualu (Jr., 2)
DE	9	Johnny Jackson (Sr., 1)	91	Eli Wnek (Sr., 3)
WLB	42	Joe Siofele (So., 1)	49	Matt Molina (So., 0)
ILB	27	**Lance Briggs (Jr., 2)**	44	Pat Howard (Fr., 0)
ROV	38	Shelton Ross (Sr., 2)	7	Ray Wells (Jr., 0)
LC	8	**Michael Jolivette (So., 1)**	17	Anthony Banks (Sr., 2)
SS	19	**Brandon Nash (Sr., 3)**	24	Zaharius Johnson (Sr., 2)
FS	47	**Jarvie Worcester (Jr., 2)**	33	Clay Hardt (So., 1)
RC	23	**Jermaine Chatman (Sr., 1)**	2	David Hinton (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	3	Sean Keel (Jr., 2)
P	4	Chris Palic (Sr., 3)
KR	9	Gary Love (So., 1)
PR	1	Bobby Wade (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: John Mackovic — **2000 Record (Pac-10): 5-6 (3-5)**
2001 Prediction: 8th Pac-10 — **Arizona Stadium (56,500)**

West Virginia Mountaineers

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New West Virginia coach Rich Rodriguez remembers his first game as Clemson's offensive coordinator.

"We struggled against Marshall," says Rodriguez. "Scored 10 points. Missed three field goals."

He pauses. Then smiles.

"But in our second game we scored 33 against Virginia."

Richard Carotti

Avon Cobourne

West Virginia fans are expecting a similar offensive charge in 2001. Rodriguez has replaced longtime coach Don Nehlen as Morgantown's new sheriff. And guns are supposed to be blazing. Rodriguez's offense set 26 Clemson records in 1999 and 20 more last season.

102 Where West Virginia ranked among NCAA Division I-A schools in net punting for 2000.

The problem at WVU, however, is jolting a program accustomed to ball control. Rodriguez is also rebuilding the offensive line. And although quarterback Brad Lewis was last season's Music City Bowl MVP, his image isn't exactly on the blueprint for the coach's fast-paced, no-huddle attack.

Lewis isn't the greatest thrower. And he certainly isn't the greatest runner. But the senior shocked WVU fans with 318 yards passing against Ole Miss in last season's Music City Bowl. That performance, along with his rugged demeanor and heady play, may keep Lewis as the Mountaineer starter. But he maintained only a slim lead over redshirt freshman Rasheed Marshall through spring ball.

If Lewis is the QB for now, Marshall is WVU's quarterback of the future. The Pittsburgh native is Rodriguez's best running QB and exhibits a good — if not always accurate — arm.

Rodriguez has scrapped WVU's old I-formation and has left two-time 1,000-yard rusher Avon Cobourne to fend for himself in the Mountaineers' new shotgun offense. Cobourne has been the star of the Mountaineers' offense the past two seasons, and he should again lead the way. He'll just be adding some catching and blocking responsibilities. The other "bell cow," in Rodriguez's words, will be Cooper Rego, who lends a little speed.

At T-back, Tory Johnson is the most athletic candidate. He needs to be more physical, but he can run and catch.

Rodriguez's biggest fan may be wide receiver Phil Braxton, who caught just nine passes last season. If the injury-prone Braxton can stay healthy, he may wind up with 70 or 80 receptions. The guy has size, speed and big-play ability. And his development would take some of the pressure off small but lightning-fast Antonio Brown, last season's leading receiver.

Shawn Terry has excellent speed and should be an every-down wideout. Sure-handed A.J. Nastasi, known for his precise patterns, will also be in the rotation.

Rodriguez is looking for slimmer, trimmer offensive linemen who can keep up with his offense's frenetic pace. One of the coach's first moves was to move ex-center Tim Brown out to right tackle. Man-child Lance Nimmo will protect Lewis' blind side at left tackle.

The Mountaineers' second-most talented offensive lineman may be guard Jason Brooks. But the transfer from Michigan spends a lot of time in the doghouse. Brad Knell — the only returning starter — mans the other guard spot.

Former Virginia Tech and LSU defensive guru Phil Elmassian took over WVU's defense and installed an aggressive, eight-man front. Elmassian has the luxury of two strong tackles in Antwan Lake and David Upchurch.

With an emphasis on speed, Elmassian moved ex-linebacker Corey McIntyre to rush end. Jason Davis returns as WVU's other end.

With the call for five defensive backs, WVU has sheared its linebacking corps to two inside players. But one of those two, Grant Wiley, may be the heart of the team. Wiley started as a redshirt freshman in 2000 and was named the Big East's Rookie of the Year. Kyle Kayden, the other linebacker, has started since his freshman year.

The coaches have found three athletic, playmaking cornerbacks in Richard Bryant, Lance Frazier and Brian King. They also found two physical safeties in Shawn Hackett and Rick Sherrod. What they didn't find was depth.

Punter Mark Fazzolari, a two-time All-Big East selection, returns after averaging 41.2 yards per boot. Brenden Rauh, an accurate if not strong kicker, probably will handle field goals, while Todd James takes care of kickoffs.

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

X	21 Phil Braxton (Jr., 1)	6 Harold Leath (Fr., 0)
LT	77 Lance Nimmo (Jr., 1)	53 Jeff Berk (Fr., 0)
LG	76 Jason Brooks (Sr., 1)	63 Greg Mittleider (So., 0)
C	Zach Dillow (Jr., 0)	51 Justin Williams (Fr., 0)
RG	**75 Brad Knell (Sr., 2)**	58 Ken Sandor (Jr., 0)
RT	60 Tim Brown (So., 0)	67 Ben Timmons (So., 0)
QB	**14 Brad Lewis (Sr., 3)**	18 Rasheed Marshall (Fr., 0)
RB	**22 Avon Cobourne (Jr., 2)**	23 Cooper Rego (Sr., 2)
FB	44 Tory Johnson (So., 0)	82 Tim Frost (Jr., 1)
Y	**5 Antonio Brown (Sr., 3)**	12 A.J. Nastasi (Jr., 2)
Z	88 Shawn Terry (Sr., 2)	46 Josh McMillen (Sr., 1)

Defense (9)

LE	34 Corey McIntyre (Sr., 3)	89 Tim Love (Jr., 1)
LT	**87 Antwan Lake (Sr., 3)**	93 Ben Lynch (Fr., 0)
RT	**95 David Upchurch (Jr., 2)**	93 Ben Lynch (Fr., 0)
RE	**90 Jason Davis (Jr., 2)**	Cecil Hagwood (Fr., 0)
LB	**6 Grant Wiley (So., 1)**	51 Quentin Swain (So., 0)
LB	**45 Kyle Kayden (Sr., 3)**	91 Adam Lehnortt (Fr., 0)
LC	**2 Richard Bryant (Sr., 2)**	4 Lewis Daniels (Jr., 1)
RC	19 Lance Frazier (So., 1)	**11 Brian King (So., 1)**
Rov	24 Angel Estrada (Jr., 0)	47 Arthur Harrison (Jr., 0)
SS	**10 Shawn Hackett (Sr., 1)**	33 Joe Scritchfield (So., 0)
FS	**27 Rick Sherrod (Sr., 2)**	O'Rondai Cox (Jr., 0)

Special Teams

K	29 Brenden Rauh (Sr., 1)
P	16 Mark Fazzolari (Jr., 2)
KR	88 Shawn Terry (Sr., 2)
PR	19 Lance Frazier (So., 1)

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Head Coach: Rich Rodriguez — **2000 Record (Big East): 7–5 (3–4)**
2001 Prediction: 6th Big East — **Mountaineer Field (63,500)**

Minnesota Golden Gophers

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Stop somebody. That's going to be the biggest responsibility for the Minnesota Golden Gophers.

If it happens, the Gophers have a chance to advance to a third consecutive bowl game for the first time in school history. "There are going to be a lotta, lotta, lotta new faces," says Minnesota coach Glen Mason, who has brought in a completely new defensive staff.

Joe Robbins

Tellis Redmon

"You're going to need a scorecard to tell who's who over there, including the coaches."

One thing Minnesota does have is a solid offense. Nine starters return, including wide receiver Ron Johnson and experienced QBs Travis Cole and Asad Abdul-Khaliq.

> **0** The number of defensive coaches who return for the Gophers from last season.

Even though Cole started the final eight games last season and led the Gophers to their first victory at Ohio State in more than 50 years, Mason won't guarantee him the job. Abdul-Khaliq, last season's starter coming out of fall camp, is still an impressive talent.

Cole is not a flashy quarterback. He has average speed, but isn't a burner. He throws a good ball, but doesn't overpower anyone with his skill. But he doesn't get his team beat.

At times last season, Abdul-Khaliq played like a freshman, and the Gopher coaches expect him to make better decisions. Still, they like his mobility, his versatility and his arm.

Tellis Redmon is the clear No. 1 at tailback after rushing for 1,368 yards last season. The knock on Redmon has been his durability and toughness, but as a sophomore he played in all 12 games and didn't have a major injury.

Thomas Tapeh is still as much of an unknown as he was entering last season. Injuries kept him from being much of a factor.

At wideout, Johnson, a 2000 first-team All-Big Ten pick, filled out the paperwork to enter the NFL draft, but never sent the documents to the league office and opted to return to Minnesota. He needs just 29 catches and 496 yards this fall to become the school's all-time leader in receptions and yards receiving.

Antoine Henderson, who tore up his knee in last season's opener, returns on the other side as do Elvin Jones and Jermaine Mays. Tony Patterson, another of the Gophers' tall receivers, should also see action.

Sophomore Ben Utecht emerged as a pass-catching tight end.

Three starters and a top reserve return to the offensive line, but the problem is that All-America center Ben Hamilton isn't one of them.

Tackle Jake Kuppe and guard Derek Burns, who combined to start all 24 games last season, return on the left side, and Ryan Roth is back at right guard.

Massive Arthur Smith, who saw significant action as a true freshman, is expected to take over at right tackle. Akeem Akinwale is slated to start at center. Former defensive tackle Matt Anderle has moved across the line to provide depth.

The defensive line is where things get interesting. End Greg White is the only returning starter on the line. White, a speed rusher, led all Gopher linemen with 69 tackles in 2000 and also recorded 15 tackles for a loss and six sacks.

Drew Dehnicke should start at the other end while Dan Kwapinski and Dave Sykora will be the run-stoppers.

Astein Osei started five of the final six games in '99 before getting hurt early in 2000. Osei, a drop linebacker, is going to have to lead an inexperienced group.

Jimmy Henry, the Gophers' nickel back last season, moves into the weak-side linebacker spot while Phil Archer is projected to start at the strong-side linebacker. Renato Fitzpatrick, who began his career as a running back, was converted from safety to linebacker during spring practice.

A year ago, cornerback Mike Lehan was the new guy in the secondary. Now he's the only returning starter. "It's a unique situation," Mason says. "Either they're new or young or both."

Redshirt freshman Justin Fraley and sophomore Mackenzy Toussaint will battle for the starting assignment opposite Lehan. Fraley had the slight edge during spring drills.

The two safety positions will likely be up in the air until the opener. Eli Ward and former wide receiver Jack Brewer top the depth chart.

Special teams might be the area where the Gophers are the most comfortable. Punter Preston Gruening averaged a solid 44.4 yards per punt when he burst onto the scene a year ago. Kicker Dan Nystrom, a second-team freshman All-America in 1999, struggled at times last fall as he hit 25-of-37 field goals.

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

WR	**3**	**Ron Johnson (Sr., 3)**	83	Keith Matthews (So., 1)
WR	**80**	**Elvin Jones (Sr., 3)**	**15**	**Jermaine Mays (Sr., 2)**
TE	**82**	**Ben Utecht (So., 1)**	84	Rian Melander (Fr., 0)
LT	**75**	**Jake Kuppe (Jr., 2)**	78	Ricky Wymer (Fr., 0)
LG	**68**	**Derek Burns (Sr., 2)**	59	Dan Gitlewski (So., 0)
C	51	Akeem Akinwale (Sr., 1)	67	Mark McElroy (Fr., 0)
RG	**66**	**Ryan Roth (Sr., 3)**	79	Joseph Quinn (So., 0)
RT	73	Arthur Smith (So., 1)	77	Matt Anderle (Sr., 3)
QB	**7**	**Travis Cole (Sr., 1)**	8	Asad Abdul-Khaliq (So., 1)
RB	**32**	**Tellis Redmon (Jr., 2)**	44	Thomas Tapeh (So., 1)
WR	4	Antoine Henderson (Sr., 3)	17	Tony Patterson (So., 1)

Defense (3)

DE	90	Drew Dehnicke (Sr., 0)	81	Zach Vevea (Sr., 3)
DT	87	Dan Kwapinski (So., 1)	61	Timothy Ward (Fr., 0)
DT	96	Dave Sykora (Jr., 1)	95	Brandon Harston (Fr., 0)
DE	**50**	**Greg White (Sr., 2)**	46	Tony Dupree (So., 0)
Will	6	Jimmy Henry (Sr., 3)	33	Renato Fitzpatrick (Jr., 2)
Sam	31	Phil Archer (So., 1)	43	Darrell Reid (Fr., 0)
Drop	**48**	**Astein Osei (Sr., 2)**	56	Steven Watson (Fr., 0)
CB	**39**	**Mike Lehan (Jr., 2)**	25	Ukee Dozier (Fr., 0)
SS	27	Eli Ward (So., 1)	5	Dominique Sims (Fr., 0)
FS	2	Jack Brewer (Sr., 2)	5	Dominique Sims (Fr., 0)
CB	12	Justin Fraley (Fr., 0)	35	Mackenzy Toussaint (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	28	Dan Nystrom (Jr., 2)
P	14	Preston Gruening (Jr., 2)
KR	4	Antoine Henderson (Sr., 3)
PR	32	Tellis Redmon (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Glen Mason — **2000 Record (Big Ten): 6-6 (4-4)**
2001 Prediction: 9th Big Ten — **H.H.H. Metrodome (64,172)**

Maryland Terrapins

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Ralph Friedgen might be the only coach in Division I-A to have played quarterback and offensive line in college. The experience served him well. Friedgen took the job at his alma mater in December after a three-decade career as an NFL and college assistant. He played a large role in Georgia Tech's resurgence, has coached in the Super Bowl and was part of a national championship team in 1990. Friedgen and his winning ways could be enough to lead the Terps to their first Bowl berth in 11 seasons. He replaced Ron Vanderlinden, who was fired after four consecutive losing seasons.

Steve Woltmann

Aaron Thompson

Besides a bowl, Friedgen wants his team to concentrate on upsetting powerhouses Florida State and Clemson and winning an ACC championship.

37 The average margin of victory for Florida State over Maryland in nine meetings since the Seminoles joined the ACC. Only once has the game been decided by less than four touchdowns.

"We need to get over going to a bowl as our primary goal," says Friedgen, who served as offensive coordinator at Georgia Tech during the program's glory years under Bobby Ross. "We should set our sights higher. They have a preconceived idea of who they can beat and who they can't."

Friedgen makes no secret about his plans to open up Maryland's offense, and that's probably music to Shaun Hill's ears. The strong-armed Hill played in six games and got three starts in 2000. Friedgen loves the potential of Latrez Harrison and Chris Kelley. Both came to the program more highly touted than Hill.

Maryland bid farewell to LaMont Jordan, the school's all-time leading rusher. Fullback Matt Kalapinski, a three-year starter, also graduated. Offensive coordinator Charlie Taaffe hopes Bruce Perry can pick up where Jordan left off. Perry, who redshirted last year, lacks ideal size at 190 pounds, but possesses eye-catching speed. Marc Riley, Chris Downs and newcomer Rich Parson will get some opportunities to spell Perry.

James Lynch (5'11", 261), a bruising blocker, takes over at fullback.

The receiving group is getting better, but Friedgen wants another standout or two to emerge because Maryland will throw the ball more than in past seasons. Returning starter Guilian Gary led the Terps with 40 catches last year. Scooter Monroe, a bigger and faster player than Gary, will battle Jafar Williams, Maurice Shanks and Rob Abiamiri for a starting role opposite Gary. Jeff Dugan, an excellent receiver and blocker, could become a star at tight end.

Center Melvin Fowler, an honorable mention All-ACC selection last year, anchors a unit that returns four starters. The Terps are in good shape inside with both guards, Todd Wike and Lamar Bryant, returning. Matt Crawford starts at right tackle. But the left tackle spot is a big question mark with Eric Dumas and Lou Lombardo vying for the position.

Nose tackle Charles Hill could be developing into a quality player in Maryland's 3-4 defense. The Terps are unproven at end with C.J. Feldheim, Scott Smith, William Shime and Durrand Roundtree, who was a part-time starter last year. Without any returning full-time starters other than Hill, the line is the defense's biggest question mark.

The Terps can claim one of the best linebacking corps in the league.

Aaron Thompson, a three-year starter, ranked second on the team with seven sacks last year. Middle linebacker E.J. Henderson is the biggest hitter. He paced the team with 109 tackles last year. Marlon Moye-Moore, who finished second on the team in tackles, starts on the weak side. Outside 'backer Mike Whaley made an impact as a redshirt freshman, registering five sacks.

Tony Okanlawon and Curome Cox provide stability at cornerback. Okanlawon has good speed and instincts. He won't come up with many interceptions, though, because he has poor hands. Cox can cover most receivers in the league, but is not much of a factor in run support.

Strong safety Tony Jackson is a ferocious hitter. Randall Jones, who started four games at quarterback in 1998, is the projected starter at free safety.

Nick Novak and Vedad Siljkovic are the leading placekicking candidates. All-America candidate Brooks Barnard, who ranked fourth nationally with a 44.7-yard average, returns.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR	**21**	**Guilian Gary (Sr., 3)**	18	Maurice Shanks (Fr., 0)
LT	75	Eric Dumas (So., 0)	79	Lou Lombardo (Fr., 0)
LG	**66**	**Todd Wike (Jr., 2)**	61	Ed Tyler (So., 0)
C	**67**	**Melvin Fowler (Sr., 3)**	68	Brandon Miller (So., 0)
RG	**73**	**Lamar Bryant (So., 1)**	61	Ed Tyler (So., 0)
RT	**78**	**Matt Crawford (Jr., 2)**	51	Chris Snader (Sr., 3)
TE	**82**	**Jeff Dugan (So., 1)**	88	Matt Murphy (Sr., 3)
WR	19	Jafar Williams (So., 1)	**25**	**Scooter Monroe (Jr., 2)**
QB	14	Shaun Hill (Sr., 1)	4	Latrez Harrison (Jr., 1)
TB	7	Bruce Perry (So., 1)	2	Marc Riley (Sr., 2)
FB	5	James Lynch (So., 1)	31	Chad Killian (Jr., 0)

Defense (8)

DE	54	Scott Smith (So., 1)	71	Durrand Roundtree (Jr., 1)
NT	**98**	**Charles Hill (Sr., 3)**	56	James Evans (Sr., 0)
DT	96	C.J. Feldheim (So., 1)	95	William Shimé (Jr., 0)
Leo	**55**	**Mike Whaley (So., 1)**	48	Ryan Swift (Sr., 3)
LB	**40**	**Aaron Thompson (Sr., 3)**	24	Leroy Ambush (So., 1)
LB	**42**	**E.J. Henderson (Jr., 2)**	39	Kevin Bishop (Sr., 1)
LB	**35**	**Marlon Moye-Moore (Sr., 3)**	53	Reggie Lewis (Sr., 2)
CB	**30**	**Curome Cox (So., 1)**	13	Dennard Wilson (So., 1)
SS	**27**	**Tony Jackson (Sr., 3)**	33	Rod Littles (Sr., 3)
FS	12	Randall Jones (Sr., 3)	29	Tyrone Stewart (Jr., 2)
CB	**11**	**Tony Okanlawon (Sr., 3)**	23	Andrew Smith (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	17	Vedad Siljkovic (Sr., 1)
P	16	Brooks Barnard (Jr., 2)
KR	21	Guilian Gary (Sr., 3)
PR	21	Guilian Gary (Sr., 3)

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Head Coach: Ralph Friedgen — **2000 Record (ACC): 5–6 (3–5)**
2001 Prediction: 7th ACC — **Byrd Stadium (48.055)**

San Jose State Spartans

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Fitz Hill had barely finished moving furniture into his new house in Fayetteville, Ark., when the phone call came.

It was from San Jose State athletic director Chuck Bell, who wanted to know if the Arkansas assistant might be interested in the head coaching position at his school.

And though Hill had spent only about three weeks in his new home, it didn't take long for the 37-year-old native of Arkadelphia, Ark., to get excited about moving 2,000 miles west. Why wouldn't he?

Steve Woltmann

Deonce Whitaker

475.9 The San Jose State defense allowed 475.9 yards per game last season. That ranked last in the nation.

The Spartans are coming off a 7–5 season that included a 27–24 upset of TCU. They return arguably the most exciting player in the WAC in tailback Deonce Whitaker and also have one of the conference's top offensive linemen in senior Chris Fe'esago.

Among San Jose State's 13 returning starters is junior quarterback Marcus Arroyo, who completed 166-of-326 passes last season for 2,334 yards, 15 touchdowns and 10 interceptions. Also back is senior backup Brennan Crooks, and they'll be joined in the fall by very highly touted junior college transfer Orlando Evans, an excellent runner who began his career at Oregon. "Arroyo is the starter right now," Hill says. "All three of those guys will compete for the job."

The Spartans are touting Whitaker for the Heisman Trophy and for good reason. Whitaker was a third-team All-American a year ago when he was fourth in the nation in rushing with a single-season school record of 1,577 yards and 15 touchdowns. He averaged 7.0 yards per carry to lead the nation in that category.

Whitaker's numbers might have been even better if he hadn't missed two games. "My deal is to try and find a way to keep him healthy for the entire season," Hill says.

The three top receivers, all of whom caught at least 40 passes, return from last year's talented unit. And they will be joined by top-notch junior college transfer Charles Pauley. "Pauley is a very special player," Hill says. "He's a game-breaker who could play at any place in the country."

But Pauley must battle three standout returning seniors for playing time. Edell Shepherd, Casey Le Blanc and Rashied Davis accounted for 123 receptions and 10 touchdowns in 2000.

Led by Fe'esago, a two-time All-WAC pick who is on the Outland Trophy "Watch List," the Spartans' offensive line figures to be as good as any in the conference. Fe'esago, who sat out spring ball after having minor shoulder surgery, will move from left tackle to his more natural center position in the fall. He'll be joined on the line by powerful guard Joel Tautuaa, a second team All-WAC pick, and a pair of talented tackles, Tim Provost and Jelani Hawkins. Joseph Hayes is expected to start at left guard.

After the Spartans yielded a dismal 222.9 yards per game on the ground in 2000, Hill hit the junior colleges hard to beef up his front four and signed Adonis Forrest, Rodney Anderson, Deon Washington and Jason Hall.

Junior end Brandon Miles, who had 23 tackles and two fumble recoveries, is the only returning starter on the defensive line, although Kevin Michaelis (54 tackles) also should battle for a starting spot.

San Jose State must replace linebacker Josh Parry, a 2000 second-team All-WAC choice. However, Hill believes this area may be the most solid part of his defense.

Alvin Dean returns at one outside linebacker spot while Luke La Herran and Demitris Starks saw plenty of action as backups at the other outside spot. Patrick Battle, who had 38 tackles and three interceptions during occasional two-inside linebacker sets with Parry last season, will start at middle linebacker.

Alex Wallace, a second team All-WAC pick in 2000, returns at cornerback. A host of veterans will try to hold off JC transfer Shaun Fletcher to earn the other cornerback spot.

Willie Adams returns at free safety while Larry Thompson is the frontrunner for the starting strong safety position.

Junior placekicker Nick Gilliam, who struggled at times last season and connected on just 5-of-11 field goals, and senior punter Michael Carr, who averaged 37.9 yards per kick, both return.

"They were a little erratic," Hill says. "But with another year under their belts, I expect them both to come on."

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

WR	**8**	**Rashied Davis (Sr., 1)**	10	Charles Pauley (Jr., 0)
WR	**3**	**Edell Shepherd (Sr., 1)**	85	Tuati Wooden (So., 1)
LT	56	Jelani Hawkins (Sr., 1)	77	LaMons Walker (Jr., 1)
LG	70	Joseph Hayes (So., 1)	73	Andrew Ball (Sr., 1)
C	**74**	**Chris Fe'esago (Sr., 3)**	**64**	**Bruno Contreras (Sr., 3)**
RG	**78**	**Joel Tautuaa (Sr., 1)**	70	Joseph Hayes (So., 1)
RT	**59**	**Tim Provost (Jr., 2)**	77	LaMons Walker (Jr., 1)
TE		George Campos (Sr., 1)	84	Byron Burnett (Jr., 0)
QB	**2**	**Marcus Arroyo (Jr., 2)**	9	Brennan Crooks (Sr., 2)
HB	**1**	**Casey Le Blanc (Sr., 3)**		Ethan Allen (Jr., 0)
TB	**21**	**Deonce Whitaker (Sr., 3)**	4	Jarmar Julien (Sr., 2)

Defense (4)

DE	93	Kevin Michaelis (Sr., 3)	99	David Coats (Sr., 3)
DT	91	Damurius Richardson (Sr., 1)		Adonis Forrest (Jr., 0)
DT	50	Larry Dawson (Sr., 1)		Rodney Anderson (Jr., 0)
DE	**45**	**Brandon Miles (Jr., 1)**	62	Bill Mateialona (Sr., 1)
LB	**49**	**Alvin Dean (Sr., 1)**	55	Michael Smith (So., 1)
LB	28	Patrick Battle (Sr., 2)		Paul Okuma (Jr., 0)
LB	20	Luke La Herran (Sr., 3)	41	Demitris Starks (Jr., 1)
CB	**5**	**Alex Wallace (Sr., 1)**		Shaun Fletcher (Jr., 0)
FS	**11**	**Willie Adams (Sr., 1)**	18	Melvin Cook (So., 1)
SS	37	Larry Thompson (Sr., 1)	17	Brian Foreman (Jr., 2)
CB	23	Carlos Koustas (Jr., 2)	26	Jermain Cooper (Sr., 1)

Special Teams

K	13	Nick Gilliam (Jr., 1)
P	39	Michael Carr (Sr., 1)
KR	4	Jarmar Julien (Sr., 2)
PR	5	Alex Wallace (Sr., 1)

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Head Coach: Fitz Hill — **2000 Record (WAC): 7-5 (5-3)**
2001 Prediction: 3rd WAC — **Spartan Stadium (30,456)**

Auburn Tigers

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Tailback Rudi Johnson didn't hang around. Wide receiver Ronney Daniels didn't hang around. And fullback Heath Evans didn't hang around. All three underclassmen left the Auburn football program to enter the NFL draft. Throw in the graduation of quarterback Ben Leard, wide receiver Reggie Worthy and tackle Colin Sears, and you begin to see the Tigers' ultimate concern for 2001: "The whole offense will have to be restructured," senior tackle Kendall Simmons says.

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Kendall Simmons

7.1% The portion of offensive production returning from a year ago.

On the one hand, there is great optimism on The Plains surrounding what coach Tommy Tuberville accomplished in season No. 2 — a 9–4 record, an SEC West Division title and trip to the Citrus Bowl.

But there are lingering questions about where to find new starters and leadership from such a young roster.

Jeff Klein and highly recruited redshirt freshman Jason Campbell entered spring practice one and two on the depth chart at quarterback, but out of the blue came Daniel Cobb. A former Georgia Bulldog, Cobb led Butler County (Kan.) CC to the 1999 national championship. He completed only 1-of-6 passes in his first season at Auburn but improved his stock in the spring and emerged as the No. 1 quarterback — for now.

Campbell, a strong-armed, mobile, 6'5", 213-pound athlete, is considered the quarterback of the future.

The only returning tailback who has seen playing time is Casinious Moore, who is finally 100 percent after knee surgery three years ago. He wasn't at full speed last season, and it showed with only 61 yards on 23 carries. Ronnie Brown and Chris Butler, a transfer from Nebraska, will challenge Moore for a starting spot.

But the name that Tiger fans are anxious to hear is Carnell Williams, Alabama's Mr. Football in 2000. Using great speed and field vision, he ran for 1,729 yards and averaged nearly 10 yards per carry as a prep senior.

At receiver, watch for speedy Tim Carter's role to increase with the departure of Daniels. Carter, timed at 4.31 in the 40 while in high school, also returns kicks. Deandre Green took the spring off for personal reasons but planned to return in August. He has NFL potential — nice speed and a strong, 6'2", 210-pound, frame. Marcel Willis should earn a starting role after finishing second behind Daniels with 27 catches for 352 yards.

There is plenty of talent at tight end, with Lorenzo Diamond, an excellent receiver, and Robert Johnson, a 6'6", 271-pound force with surprisingly good hands.

Auburn returns talent and experience on the offensive line, a unit that improved dramatically last season. Simmons, a respected team leader, is a fixture at left tackle. Other returning starters are Hart McGarry at left guard, Ben Nowland at center and Mike Pucillo at right guard.

Both starting defensive ends, Javor Mills and Reggie Torbor, return. So does tackle DeMarco McNeil, strong and quick, who led the team with five sacks and 13 tackles for a loss. Watch for sophomore Spencer Johnson — second on the team last fall with 10 quarterback hurries — to step in at the other tackle.

End Alton Moore had a great off-season in the weight room and will provide depth, as will James Callier, who earned a Defensive MVP award in the A-Day game.

It will be hard to replace last year's leading tackler, middle linebacker Alex Lincoln, but Mark Brown has the experience of four starts and 34 tackles in 2000. Outside linebacker Tavarreus Pounds missed the end of last season due to shoulder surgery, and he was held out of spring work. Dontarrious Thomas closed the gap in the competition with Pounds. Roshard Gilyard, a former free safety, and Victor Horn will get first crack at the other outside position.

Travaris Robinson and Ronaldo Attimy are penciled in as new starters at cornerback. Robinson had 30 tackles and played in all 13 games last season after moving from receiver. Attimy played in eight games last season after transferring from NE Oklahoma A&M JC.

Both players must hold off talented redshirt freshmen Junior Rosegreen and Donnay Young. Rover Rashaud Walker started all 13 games last season.

Damon Duval is one of the premier kickers and punters in the SEC. He had a 43.2-yard punting average and made 14-of-18 field goal attempts.

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

WR	86	Deandre Green (So., 1)	80	Marcel Willis (Jr., 2)
LT	**73**	**Kendall Simmons (Sr., 3)**	60	Ryan Broome (Fr., 0)
LG	**75**	**Hart McGarry (Sr., 3)**	70	Nate French (Fr., 0)
C	**55**	**Ben Nowland (Jr., 2)**	68	Danny Lindsey (Fr., 0)
RG	**79**	**Mike Pucillo (Sr., 3)**	69	Mark Pera (So., 1)
RT	65	Monreko Crittenden (So., 1)	60	Ryan Broome (Fr., 0)
TE	49	Lorenzo Diamond (Jr., 2)	87	Robert Johnson (So., 1)
QB	16	Daniel Cobb (Sr., 1)	17	Jason Campbell (Fr., 0)
FB	45	Brandon Johnson (So., 1)	21	Michael Owens (Jr., 2)
RB	23	Ronnie Brown (Fr., 0)	22	Casinious Moore (So., 1)
WR	2	Tim Carter (Sr., 3)	14	Trevor Bowman (Fr., 0)

Defense (5)

DE	**96**	**Javor Mills (Sr., 1)**	90	Alton Moore (Sr., 1)
DT	**92**	**DeMarco McNeil (So., 1)**	95	Marcus Johnson (Fr., 0)
DT	53	Spencer Johnson (So., 1)	99	Marcus White (So., 1)
DE	**82**	**Reggie Torbor (So., 1)**	51	James Callier (Sr., 3)
LB	54	Dontarrious Thomas (So., 1)	41	Tavarreus Pounds (Sr., 3)
LB	52	Mark Brown (Jr., 2)	11	Mayo Sowell (Fr., 0)
Whip	3	Roshard Gilyard (So., 1)	33	Victor Horn (Fr., 0)
Rov	**37**	**Rashaud Walker (Jr., 2)**	6	Damien Postell (Jr., 0)
FS	**8**	**Stanford Simmons (Jr., 2)**	10	Donnay Young (Fr., 0)
CB	35	Ronaldo Attimy (Jr., 1)	36	Roderick Hood (Jr., 2)
CB	5	Travaris Robinson (Jr., 2)	4	Junior Rosegreen (Fr., 0)

Special Teams

K	20	Damon Duval (Jr., 2)
P	20	Damon Duval (Jr., 2)
KR	2	Tim Carter (Sr., 3)
PR	80	Marcel Willis (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Tommy Tuberville — **2000 Record (SEC): 9–4 (6–3)**
2001 Prediction: 6th SEC West — **Jordan-Hare Stadium (85,214)**

Missouri Tigers

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Change is the order of the day in Columbia. Missouri athletic director Mike Alden set it in motion by ousting Larry Smith with three years remaining on his contract and hiring Gary Pinkel from Toledo.

Pinkel wasted no time in making changes of his own, retaining only one of Smith's assistants, Andy Hill, and switching 11 players to different positions before spring practice even started. "Beginning depth charts will be useless," said Pinkel, who was committed to starting from scratch.

Allen Kee

Jamonte Robinson

31.6 The average number of points the Tigers' defense allowed overall, as well as in eight conference games. There wasn't even a fraction of a point difference between the two averages.

Junior quarterback Kirk Farmer, who will be working with his third offensive coordinator in as many years, has had problems remaining healthy. He was sidelined by a broken leg two seasons ago and broke a collarbone on a 48-yard scramble against Nebraska last season. He was at his best against the Cornhuskers, rushing for 83 yards and even catching a pass for a 35-yard gain before leaving in the third quarter. He has size and speed and is among the team's best athletes.

Junior backup Darius Outlaw needs to become a more efficient passer. He completed only 46.7 percent of his passes and threw 16 interceptions, the most in the conference.

Tailback Zain Gilmore could play an important role in the new offense. The Tigers' leading rusher the past two seasons, Gilmore has trimmed down and picked up speed. Zack Abron, who also has dropped weight, averaged just 3.6 yards per carry.

Justin Gage and Dwayne Blakley lead an otherwise youthful group of receivers. Gage, a converted quarterback and the team's offensive MVP, caught 44 passes for 709 yards and four touchdowns. He has size, speed and athleticism. Blakley, one of the Big 12's top tight ends, regularly draws double coverage, a factor in his diminishing production during the second half of last season.

The offensive line was a tad too hefty in Pinkel's estimation; he's looking for leaner bodies. But his five starters still average over 300 pounds. The biggest are seniors Justin Bland, Aaron Crittendon and Adrian Cole. Bland, the best of the three, is surprisingly agile for his size. Mike Hayes also played at more than 300 pounds. He allowed only one sack and was penalized just twice. Center A.J. Ricker played more than 650 snaps without drawing a penalty and graded at better than 75 percent in his first season.

Missouri's defense would be much more effective had All-America end Justin Smith not decided to leave early for the NFL. Cedric Harden, who earned honorable mention all-conference honors, has the quickness of a smaller player and can be a force inside if he doesn't have to fight double-teams. Antwaun Bynum, a converted linebacker, is joined at end by redshirt freshman Nick Tarpoff and junior college transfer Keith Wright.

At 6'8", tackle Michael Gavins has the height to create vision problems for quarterbacks as well as knock down passes, and he has shown he can hold up against the run.

Jamonte Robinson and Sean Doyle make linebacking the strength of the defense. Robinson is always around the ball, relying on 4.4 speed to make plays. Doyle came back from a hamstring pull to finish with 80 tackles, including 15 for a loss, and forced a team-high three fumbles.

In Pinkel's alignment, the outside safeties are identified as "whip" and "rover." Gary Anthony, Marcus Caldwell and Taurus Ferguson, a junior college All-America running back, are among those with the responsibility for learning the new positions.

The Tigers are set at free safety with hard-hitting Clarence Jones, but cornerback is a concern, which is why Terrence Curry was moved back after spending last season at wide receiver. Antoine Duncan is the best of those returning. He led the team in interceptions with four and pass breakups with seven.

Jared Gilpin averaged 39.8 yards per punt and put 22 of his kicks inside the 20-yard line. But the Tigers' punt coverage was a disaster. Opponents returned three punts for touchdowns and averaged 15.4 yards per return.

Placekicker Brad Hammerich suffered a broken collarbone making a tackle against Texas in late October. To that point, he was successful on 7-of-9 field goal attempts.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR	21	Brandon Barnes (So., 0)	82	Brandon Severino (So., 0)
WR	**12**	**Justin Gage (Jr., 2)**	86	Shirdonya Mitchell (So., 0)
WR	9	Tay Jackson (So., 1)	1	Marcus James (So., 1)
WT	74	Aaron Crittendon (Sr., 3)	68	Tony Clinker (Fr., 0)
WG	**59**	**Adrian Cole (Sr., 2)**	76	Rob Droege (So., 1)
C	**70**	**A.J. Ricker (So., 1)**	53	Jesse Belfield (Jr., 0)
SG	**63**	**Mike Hayes (Sr., 2)**	61	J.P. Hall (Jr., 0)
ST	**72**	**Justin Bland (Sr., 3)**	65	Wes Wilson (Jr., 0)
TE	**85**	**Dwayne Blakley (Sr., 3)**	94	Joe Chirumbolo (Jr., 2)
QB	14	Kirk Farmer (Jr., 2)	3	Darius Outlaw (Jr., 1)
TB	**2**	**Zain Gilmore (Sr., 3)**	38	Zack Abron (So., 1)

Defense (6)

LE	4	Antwaun Bynum (Jr., 0)	54	Josh O'Neal (Jr., 1)
NT	**90**	**Cedric Harden (Jr., 2)**	75	Howard Brown (So., 0)
T	98	Michael Gavins (Sr., 3)	66	Chris Ryan (Sr., 1)
RE	79	Nick Tarpoff (Fr., 0)	77	Keith Wright (Jr., 0)
LB	**55**	**Jamonte Robinson (Sr., 3)**	5	David Monroe (Sr.,2)
LB	**32**	**Sean Doyle (Jr., 2)**	56	Duke Revard (Sr., 2)
Whip	**29**	**Gary Anthony (Jr., 2)**	49	Grant Thornburg (Jr., 0)
LC	**7**	**Antoine Duncan (Jr., 2)**	20	Michael Harden (So., 1)
RC	18	Terrence Curry (Jr., 2)		Rayfield Johnson (So., 0)
Rov	48	Marcus Caldwell (So., 1)	20	Taurus Ferguson (Jr., 0)
FS	**8**	**Clarence Jones (Sr., 3)**	15	Kevin Johnson (Fr., 0)

Special Teams

K	10	Brad Hammerich (Sr., 3)
P	35	Jared Gilpin (Sr., 2)
KR	1	Marcus James (So., 1)
PR	1	Marcus James (So., 1

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Head Coach: Gary Pinkel — 2000 Record (Big 12): 3-8 (2-6)
2001 Prediction: 5th Big 12 North — Memorial Stadium (68,349)

Vanderbilt Commodores

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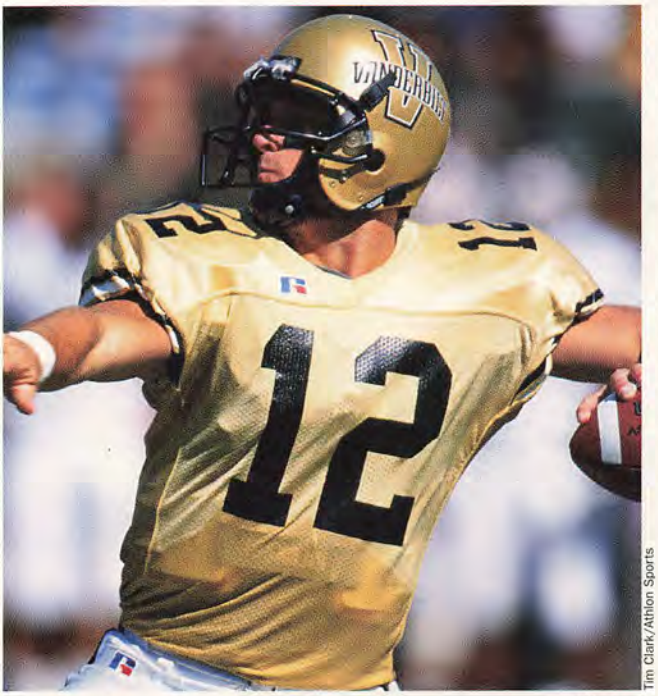
Vanderbilt coach Woody Widenhofer is willing to admit he is feeling some pressure to win — and win soon. "It is my fifth year here," he says. "It is time. I have all of my players that I recruited. It is time to get things done."

Despite winning just 13 games in four seasons, the ever-optimistic Widenhofer remains confident he can turn Vanderbilt football into a consistent winner. "I really think we are on the brink of getting this thing turned around," he says. "If we can build any type of winning spirit, we will be on to something."



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Greg Zolman

For the first time since the late 1980s, Vanderbilt can legitimately claim one of the Southeastern Conference's top quarterbacks.

> **5** Vanderbilt's five road wins over the past two seasons represent the school's best two-year total since the 1974-75 Commodores posted a 5–5 mark away from Dudley Field.

Greg Zolman may not be a household name, but the Commodores' fifth-year senior has been one of the SEC's most productive quarterbacks over the past two seasons. A year ago, he completed 53 percent of his passes and threw for 2,441 yards, the fourth-best single-season total in Vanderbilt history.

After splitting time with Jared McGrath for the majority of the 2000 season, Ray Perkins, who averaged 5.0 yards per carry as a true freshman, now becomes the Commodores' featured back. At 5'10", 191 pounds, Perkins might not have the size to be an every-down back. Surprisingly, Crosby says help should come from Rodney Williams, a fifth-year senior who averaged just 2.9 yards per carry in 2000. "Rodney has a renewed vigor about playing this game," says Crosby.

Despite drawing double-teams the majority of the season, wide-out Dan Stricker finished fourth in the SEC with 61 receptions and came just six yards shy of becoming the third receiver in school history to reach the 1,000-yard mark.

Talented but inconsistent junior Anthony Jones and sophomore Chris Young, one of Vanderbilt's most heralded recruits in recent memory, will round out the Dores' three-wide receiver sets.

Vanderbilt is set along the offensive line, with the exception of the all-important left tackle spot vacated by three-year starter Brian Gruber. The leading candidates heading into preseason camp are Jordan Pettit and Justin Geisinger.

Right tackle will once again be manned by fifth-year senior Pat Green, the Dores' biggest lineman at 6'7", 335 pounds. The guard positions are in good shape with Jim May returning at left guard and part-timer Duncan Cave ready to step in at right guard. Jamie Byrum continues to hold off sophomore Jason Tant at center.

The Commodores' 3-4 defensive front isn't necessarily designed for the linemen to make big plays, but the lack of production up front the past few seasons is a cause for concern. Fifth-year senior Doyle Crosby, the only lineman to record a sack last season, has big-play capabilities, but his conditioning has prevented him from developing into an all-conference performer. Fifth-year senior Wally Conyers will likely rotate with junior Chuck Losey at the other end position.

Vanderbilt will be without Ryan Aulds at nose tackle for the first time since 1996, but Widenhofer is confident Brett Beard will be a suitable replacement.

All eyes will be on junior inside linebacker Mike Adam, who will be asked to step in for two-time first-team All-SEC pick Jamie Winborn. Adam struggled a year ago filling in for Winborn, who was suspended for the Dores' first two games.

Antuian Bradford, an undersized but athletic senior, returns at the other inside position. Fifth-year senior Nate Morrow is back for his third season as a starter on the outside and will be joined by Hunter Hillenmeyer. Talented, but oft-troubled Brandon Walthour figures to see plenty of action.

Vanderbilt boasts pair of big, athletic cornerbacks in Rushen Jones and Aaron McWhorter. Jones, a former freshman All-American, has started 22 straight games, while McWhorter slides into a starting role after serving as the Dores' nickel back a year ago.

Veteran safety Harold Lercius (25 straight starts) has a firm grasp of Vanderbilt's defensive scheme and will be difficult to unseat. Juniors Justin Giboney and Jonathan Shaub will battle for the other safety position.

Incoming freshman Lance Garner will take over placekicking duties from four-year starter John Markham.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR	**85**	**Dan Stricker (Jr., 2)**	82	Nezih Hasanoglu (Sr., 3)
TE	**84**	**Tom Simone (Jr., 2)**	81	Nick Getter (So., 1)
LT	74	Jordan Pettit (So., 1)	63	Justin Geisinger (Fr., 0)
LG	**72**	**Jim May (Jr., 2)**	79	Brent Peacher (Jr., 2)
C	**55**	**Jamie Byrum (Jr., 2)**	58	Jason Tant (So., 1)
RG	61	Duncan Cave (Sr., 2)	67	Greg Robson (Fr., 0)
RT	**60**	**Pat Green (Sr., 3)**	70	Kenan Arkan (Fr., 0)
WR	16	Chris Young (So., 1)	21	Ronald Hatcher (So., 1)
WR	**1**	**Anthony Jones (Jr., 2)**	24	M.J. Garrett (Jr., 2)
QB	**12**	**Greg Zolman (Sr., 3)**	3	Benji Walker (So., 1)
RB	8	Ray Perkins (So., 1)	2	Rodney Williams (Sr., 3)

Defense (7)

DE	**93**	**Doyle Crosby (Sr., 3)**	56	Ryan Nungesser (Jr., 2)
NT	92	Brett Beard (So., 1)	96	Matt Clay (Fr., 0)
DE	**66**	**Wally Conyers (Sr., 3)**	54	Chuck Losey (Jr., 2)
LB	47	Hunter Hillenmeyer (Jr., 2)	50	Libnir Telusca (So., 1)
LB	34	Mike Adam (Jr., 2)	44	Pat Brunner (Fr., 0)
LB	**41**	**Antuian Bradford (Sr., 3)**	90	Doug Wolford (So., 1)
LB	**40**	**Nate Morrow (Sr., 3)**	43	Brandon Walthour (So., 1)
CB	5	Aaron McWhorter (Jr., 2)	30	Ian Gaines (So., 1)
FS	**14**	**Justin Giboney (Jr., 2)**	13	Jonathan Shaub (Jr., 2)
SS	**23**	**Harold Lercius (Sr., 3)**	27	Jerrol Jackson (Jr., 2)
CB	**11**	**Rushen Jones (Jr., 2)**	20	Lorenzo Parker (So., 1)

Special Teams

K		Lance Garner (Fr., 0)
P	91	Joe Webb (Sr., 3)
KR	8	Ray Perkins (So., 1)
PR	21	Ronald Hatcher (So., 1)

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Head Coach: Woody Widenhofer — 2000 Record (SEC): 3–8 (1–7)
2001 Prediction: 5th SEC East — Vanderbilt Stadium (41,448)

Iowa Hawkeyes

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The Iowa Hawkeyes finally have something to smile about. After a dismal 1999 and a rough start in 2000, the team closed out last season with wins over Penn State and Northwestern.

On offense, Iowa is looking to run the ball better after finishing last in the Big Ten last season in rushing and scoring. Developing depth at fullback, tight end and wide receiver will be key.

Brian Ebner

Ladell Betts

Defensively, the team must improve its pass defense and pass rush. The Hawkeyes were ranked second-to-last in the conference last season in both categories.

Kyle McCann started the final four games at quarterback last season, and he is slated to pick up where he left off this fall. He led the team to its victories late in the season and threw for 862 yards and five touchdowns in the last four-plus games.

> **9** The combined margin of defeat in Iowa's late-season losses to Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Iowa got 1,118 yards out of its running backs last year, and 1,090 of it came from Ladell Betts. He rushed for 100 yards or more four times. He also ranks third on the school's career rushing chart with 2,626 yards and could finish his career at the top.

Jeremy Allen returns at fullback. He started six games last year and was the team's second-leading rusher with 135 yards on 34 carries. Allen is used primarily as a blocker.

Losing receivers Kevin Kasper (offensive MVP) and Ryan Barton will hurt. They combined for 100 catches, more than 1,200 yards and eight touchdowns.

But the cupboard is not completely bare. Honorable mention All-Big Ten pick Kahlil Hill is back after catching 58 passes for 619 yards and five touchdowns. Chris Oliver is the only other returning player at this position. He caught 10 passes for 206 yards and two touchdowns.

The tight end position is wide open after one player graduated and another moved to the offensive line. Erik Jensen lettered last year after catching two passes for 37 yards. He is the primary candidate. But also figuring in the mix will be converted linebacker Dallas Clark and redshirt freshmen Tony Jackson and Andy Thorn.

Eric Steinbach will likely take over at the center position for A.J. Blazek, who graduated. Steinbach started three games at guard. Andy Lightfoot and Bruce Nelson will be the guards. Robert Gallery and Alonzo Cunningham are returning starters at tackle.

Ben Sobieski is another talented lineman. He started all 11 games as a sophomore before getting hurt. Junior Pete Traynor is a capable backup at center.

Anthony Herron is gone from the defensive line and so are his 64 tackles and three sacks. But All-America candidate Aaron Kampman is back at end. He spent his first two years at linebacker before making the switch last year and finishing the season with 94 tackles, three sacks and one interception.

Joining him will be Jerry Montgomery, who started all 12 games last year, Derrick Pickens and Colin Cole.

Pickens started 11 games and finished with a team-leading seven sacks. Jonathan Babineaux will also help out after moving over from fullback.

Mike Dolezal, Roger Meyer, Fred Barr and Kevin Worthy are the leading linebackers.

Meyer was second on the team in tackles with 95. He also had two sacks. Dolezal and Barr each finished with 72 stops last season.

Charlie Bodiford, Grant Steen, George Lewis and Tony Burrier will also be in the mix.

The cornerstones of the secondary are cornerbacks Matt Stockdale, Benny Sapp and strong and safety Bob Sanders.

Chris Smith, D.J. Johnson, Shane Hall, Mikkel Brown and Derek Pagel will be in the mix, as well. JC transfer Jermire Roberts could also be a candidate for a spot in the lineup. Iowa must improve its pass defense; the Hawkeyes gave up 21 touchdown passes last season.

Kicker Nate Kaeding is back after being named to the *Sporting News* freshman All-America team. He finished last season by making seven consecutive field goals.

Kaeding is also the leading candidate to take over the punting chores now that Jason Baker is gone. Freshman David Bradley may also figure in the mix as a punter.

Hill finished second in the Big Ten last season with a 27.2-yard average on kickoff returns.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

SE	**3**	**Kahlil Hill (Sr., 2)**	9	Maurice Brown (So., 0)
LT	**74**	**Alonzo Cunningham (Sr., 3)**	65	Ben Sobieski (Sr., 2)
LG	52	Bruce Nelson (Jr., 2)	76	Sam Aiello (So., 1)
C	**56**	**Eric Steinbach (Jr., 2)**	64	Pete Traynor (Jr., 1)
RG	70	Andy Lightfoot (Jr., 2)	71	Eric Rothwell (So., 0)
RT	**78**	**Robert Gallery (So., 1)**	75	Kory Borchers (So., 0)
TE	35	Erik Jensen (So., 1)	81	Tony Jackson (Fr., 0)
FB	**47**	**Jeremy Allen (Sr., 3)**	43	Aaron Mickens (Fr., 0)
RB	**46**	**Ladell Betts (Sr., 3)**	34	Aaron Greving (So., 1)
QB	4	Kyle McCann (Sr., 3)	16	Jon Beutjer (So., 1)
WR	6	Chris Oliver (Sr., 3)	1	Tim Dodge (Sr., 2)

Defense (7)

DE	94	Colin Cole (Jr., 2)	66	Joseph Uselman (Sr., 1)
DT	**92**	**Derrick Pickens (Sr., 1)**	90	Jared Clauss (So., 1)
DT	**91**	**Jerry Montgomery (Sr., 3)**	58	Scott Webb (Jr., 1)
DE	**54**	**Aaron Kampman (Sr., 3)**	48	Howard Hodges (So., 1)
LB	**39**	**Mike Dolezal (Sr., 3)**	50	George Lewis (So., 1)
LB	**51**	**Fred Barr (Jr, 2)**	53	Kevin Worthy (So., 1)
LB	**30**	**Roger Meyer (Sr., 3)**	42	Grant Steen (So., 1)
SS	33	Bob Sanders (So., 1)	25	Derek Pagel (Jr., 2)
FS	20	Chris Smith (So., 1)	5	D.J. Johnson (Jr., 2)
CB	21	Matt Stockdale (Sr., 3)	17	Aramis Haralson (Fr., 0)
CB	**19**	**Benny Sapp (So., 1)**	8	Mikkel Brown (Sr., 2)

Special Teams

K	95	Nate Kaeding (So., 1)
P	95	Nate Kaeding (So., 1)
KR	3	Kahlil Hill (Sr., 2)
PR	3	Kahlil Hill (Sr., 2)

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Head Coach: Kirk Ferentz — **2000 Record (Big Ten): 3-9 (3-5)**
2001 Prediction: 10th Big Ten — **Kinnick Stadium (70,397)**

Temple Owls

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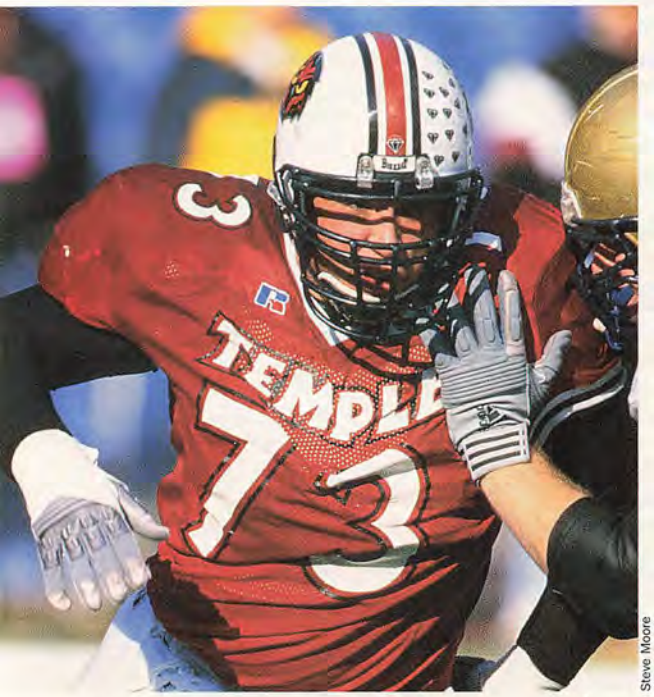
The Owls could finally have that breakthrough year in 2001 and still end up with their worst season ever. How's that, you ask? Despite having arguably the best incoming recruiting class in school history and welcoming back all but three players from last year's much-improved 4–7 squad, perhaps not even the Owls' first bowl berth in 23 years can save the program from exile.



Steve Moore

Dan Klecko

Temple has been informed by the Big East Conference that this will be its last season as a league member, regardless of any 2001 success. Temple is fighting the verdict and is prepared to go to court if necessary to stay in the conference. Stay tuned.

"It's frustrating because we're finally at the point where we don't feel we need to be lucky to win anymore," says Temple coach Bobby Wallace. "We're a good football team."

26 The number of senior letterwinners returning for Temple in 2001, third-most in the country behind only San Jose State with 30 and Notre Dame with 27.

Wallace was hoping that Mike Frost would unseat Devin Scott at QB last season, but Frost's allegedly poor work habits and ineffectiveness will keep Scott as the starter for his senior year. Wallace inked a top prospect in local prepster Mike McGann, but he is not slated to play until 2002. Frost will likely redshirt, elevating Mac DeVito to top backup.

Not since Paul Palmer have the Owls featured a quality weapon like running back Tanardo Sharps. The junior finished 2000 with 1,542 all-purpose yards, second in school history to Palmer's 1,788 in 1986. Fullback Jason McKie is an above-average run blocker who can catch passes out of the backfield.

Scott will have several quality receivers who can catch his passes out of the pro-style offense. Possession receiver Greg Muckerson's 22-game reception streak is currently the longest in the nation. The Owls' long-ball threats are Charles Cobb and Sean Dillard. Ikey Chuku and Chonn Lacey, one of the team's starting linebackers, may also figure in the mix.

Wallace was disappointed with the play of Tyrone Ditzel at tight end and hoped to push him in spring ball with JC transfer Kelly Nead or redshirt freshman Jordan Witzel.

The Owls have two experienced all-league candidates along the offensive line in center Donny Klein and right tackle Dave Yovanovits. Both excel in run-blocking formations.

Jose Portillo plays the important left tackle position and loves to play in passing situations. Joe Laudano takes over at right guard while Vincent Gabriele holds on at left guard ahead of redshirt freshman Frank McAndrew.

The Owls defense was 33rd in the nation last season in yards allowed and 55th overall in points allowed. Both figures were dramatic improvements over 1999.

The strength of the defense is right up front. No one is huge, but undersized tackles Dan Klecko and Russell Newman have taken turns starring in the last two seasons. Raheem Brock, Jason Davis and Akeiff Staples will all rotate at the ends. Backup tackle Rob Sack has the right name to play an important role on the defensive line.

The Owls linebacker corps took a hit with the graduation of 2000 top tackler LeVar Talley. Taylor Suman is the leading returning tackler (110) in the Big East. Leon Gray and Lacey (67 tackles in 2000, 11 for a loss) both have the speed to defend tight ends and running backs in passing situations.

The Owls' undersized secondary will receive a huge boost if senior Dante Coles is finally academically eligible to play. Coles, a 6'2", 207-pound safety, is arguably the best athlete on the team and has great instincts for the ball.

Terrance Leftwich and Philip Shepard average only 175 pounds at the two cornerback spots but were quick enough to stay with most of the league's elite receivers last season. Lafton Thompson and Jamal Wallace both hit hard at safety. The Owls rarely gave up the big play a year ago.

Devito, Cobb, or Lacey will return punts, though none of these players has proven to be electrifying in these roles. Lawrence Wade will return kicks.

Cap Poklemba converted 9-of-13 field goals and 26-of-27 extra point tries last season but does not have an especially strong leg.

Garvin Ringwelski is back to handle punting chores. He averaged close to 38 yards per boot.

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

WR	27	Charles Cobb (Jr., 1)	80	Terrence Stubbs (Jr., 2)
QT	75	Jose Portillo (So., 1)	74	Jason Heilman (Jr., 0)
QG	71	Vincent Gabriele (Jr., 1)	63	Frank McAndrew (Fr., 0)
C	**56**	**Donny Klein (Jr., 2)**	78	Adam Boyd (Jr., 0)
SG	**65**	**Joe Laudano (So., 1)**	69	Damian Hendricks (Jr., 1)
ST	**79**	**Dave Yovanovits (Jr., 2)**	76	John Maxim (So., 0)
TE	81	Jordan Witzel (Fr., 0)	**98**	**Tyrone Ditzel (Sr., 3)**
WR	**11**	**Greg Muckerson (Sr., 3)**	**2**	**Sean Dillard (Jr., 2)**
QB	**17**	**Devin Scott (Sr., 3)**	3	Mac DeVito (Sr., 3)
FB	**25**	**Jason McKie (Sr., 3)**	32	Harold Jackson (Sr., 1)
RB	**4**	**Tanardo Sharps (Jr., 2)**	20	Lester Trammer (Jr., 2)

Defense (10)

LE	**89**	**Raheem Brock (Sr., 3)**	55	Jason Davis (Sr., 3)
NT	**92**	**Russell Newman (Sr., 3)**	95	Rob Sack (Jr., 3)
T	**73**	**Dan Klecko (Jr., 2)**	93	Taso Apostolidis (So., 1)
RE	**5**	**Akeiff Staples (Sr., 3)**	47	Rafael Fernandes (So., 1)
LB	**50**	**Taylor Suman (Sr., 3)**	51	Rick Scialla (So., 1)
LB	31	Leon Gray (So., 2)	33	J.D. Nichols (Jr., 0)
LB	**1**	**Chonn Lacey (Sr., 3)**	23	Brian West (Sr., 2)
LC	**24**	**Terrance Leftwich (Jr., 2)**	22	Donnie Coleman (So., 1)
FS	**9**	**Jamal Wallace (Sr., 2)**	7	Joel Gray (Fr., 0)
SS	**8**	**Lafton Thompson (Sr., 2)**	6	Shawn Walker (Jr., 1)
RC	**21**	**Philip Shepard (Sr., 2)**	42	Yazid Jackson (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	26	Cap Poklemba (Jr., 2)
P	49	Garvin Ringwelski (Jr., 2)
KR	28	Lawrence Wade (So., 1)
PR	27	Charles Cobb (Jr., 1)

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Head Coach: Bobby Wallace — **2000 Record (Big East): 4–7 (1–6)**
2001 Prediction: 7th Big East — **Veterans Stadium (66,592)**

Boise State Broncos

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Smurfs no more. Boise State, better known for its bright blue "Smurf Turf" football field, has watched its football program grow into one of the West's most successful in recent years. The back-to-back Big West Conference and Humanitarian Bowl champions begin play in the much tougher Western Athletic Conference this fall. And they'll be taking the big step up with a new head coach in Dan Hawkins and without the services of star quarterback Bart Hendricks.

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Brock Forsey

Hawkins, assistant head coach at Boise State for three years, replaces Dirk Koetter, who left to become head coach at Arizona State. Although his only previous head coaching experience was at the NAIA Division II level, Hawkins says he welcomes the challenge.

> **44.9** Number of points Boise State averaged per game in 2000, tops in the nation. The Broncos scored 40 or more points in eight of their 12 games.

"I think it's a good move going into the WAC," Hawkins says. "Thirty years ago Boise was just a junior college. Obviously the expectations are going to be high because we've won 20 games in the last two years. But we want to play these kinds of teams. Good players want to play good teams."

The Broncos lose a great one in Hendricks, who led the nation in pass efficiency (170.63) and touchdown passes (35). Ryan Dinwiddie, who completed 11-of-19 passes for 137 yards and two touchdowns in eight games last season, is the heir apparent. Junior B.J. Rhode and redshirt freshman Mike Sanford are waiting in the wings if Dinwiddie should falter.

The Broncos' two top rushers return, including versatile junior Brock Forsey, the '99 Humanitarian Bowl MVP. Forsey ranked sixth nationally in all-purpose running, averaging 183.0 yards per game. Also back is sophomore David Mikell, one of the nation's top kick-return specialists with a 28.7-yard average. He also is one of the fastest Broncos and combines with Forsey to give Boise State one of the WAC's best one-two punches at tailback.

Junior Matt Strohfus (6'2", 233), a special teams standout, takes over at fullback.

No fewer than three Broncos should vie for all-conference honors at wide receiver, led by Lou Fanucchi, a first team All-Big West pick in 2000 after leading the team in receptions (40), yards (796), yards per catch (19.9) and touchdown receptions (eight). Jeb Putzier combines good size and speed and has caught 74 passes over the last two seasons. And Jay Swillie is considered the team's top possession receiver after earning second-team All-Big West honors last year.

Kevin Louwsma will be the tight end.

A veteran offensive line with four starters and two key backups returning should help make the transition to the WAC a little easier. Senior right tackle Matt Hill, a converted defensive tackle, spearheads the unit. The rest of the unit includes Rob Vian, a powerful run blocker at right guard, three-year starter Scott Huff at center and Peter Naumes at either left tackle or left guard. Naumes could move inside if Derek Olley, an honorable mention All-Big West pick in 1999, regains the left tackle position.

New defensive coordinator Bob Gregory has just one starter back on the line, and he must replace a pair of All-Big West defensive ends in Zach Weber and Jeff Copp.

The interior, led by returning tackle Tony Altieri, should be solid. He'll likely be joined at left tackle by the aptly named Bobby Hammer, who is the team's strongest player and has done 35 reps of 225 pounds on the bench press.

Mike Phillips and Marcus Purkiss are the likely replacements at defensive end.

Greg Sasser, a starter at strong safety last season, will move to strong outside linebacker. LaGary Mitchell and Andy Avalos are penciled in as starters at the other two linebacking spots.

Free safety Quintin Mikell, the Big West Conference's Co-Defensive Player of the Year in 2000, returns to head the secondary. Wes Nurse, who had 35 tackles including five for a loss, will start at rover. Both starting corners, D. Ross and Dempsy Dees, are gone. Greg Toomes, Julius Brown, who tied for the team lead with two interceptions a year ago, and highly touted junior college transfer Terrial Hall have the talent to take over.

The Broncos have one of the top kickers in the nation in Nick Calaycay, a Lou Groza Award nominee. Keith Schuttler will punt. The Broncos have a solid return game with David Mikell, Quintin Mikell and Forsey.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR	**80**	**Jeb Putzier (Sr., 3)**	4	Andre Banks (Jr., 2)
LT	**68**	**Peter Naumes (Sr., 1)**	71	Derek Olley (Sr., 3)
LG	67	Jeff Cheek (Sr., 1)	76	Nick Lemalu (Jr., 1)
C	**56**	**Scott Huff (Jr., 2)**	66	Mike MacLeod (So., 0)
RG	**78**	**Rob Vian (Jr., 2)**	61	Russell Colburn (Fr., 0)
RT	**77**	**Matt Hill (Sr., 3)**	60	Jason Turner (So., 0)
TE	82	Kevin Louwsma (So., 1)	86	Rocky Atkinson (Jr., 1)
QB	7	Ryan Dinwiddie (So., 0)	11	B.J. Rhode (Jr., 0)
FB	33	Matt Strohfus (Jr., 2)	38	Greg Swenson (So., 0)
RB	**36**	**Brock Forsey (Jr., 2)**	3	David Mikell (So., 1)
WR	**84**	**Lou Fanucchi (Jr., 2)**	1	Jay Swillie (Jr., 2)

Defense (3)

DE	93	Marcus Purkiss (Jr., 1)	92	Julius Roberts (Fr., 0)
DT	**51**	**Tony Altieri (Jr., 2)**	90	Paul Allen (So., 1)
DT	98	Bobby Hammer (Jr., 2)	69	Dane Oldham (So., 1)
DE	54	Mike Phillips (Sr., 0)	59	Sky Dumont (Sr., 1)
LB	**43**	**Greg Sasser (Sr., 3)**	13	Travis Burgher (So., 1)
LB	34	LaGary Mitchell (So., 1)	55	Chauncey Ako (Jr., 0)
LB	40	Andy Avalos (Fr., 0)	42	Kameron Merritt (Jr., 0)
Rov	21	Wes Nurse (So., 1)	20	Josh Comte (So., 1)
FS	**9**	**Quintin Mikell (Jr., 2)**	28	Deshan Cabaong (Fr., 0)
CB	18	Greg Toomes (Sr., 1)	31	Randy Selden (Jr., 0)
CB	6	Julius Brown (So., 1)	16	Gabriel Franklin (Fr., 0)

Special Teams

K	19	Nick Calaycay (Jr., 2)
P	37	Keith Schuttler (Jr., 0)
KR	3	David Mikell (So., 1)
PR	9	Quintin Mikell (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Dan Hawkins — **2000 Record (Big West): 10–2 (5–0)**
2001 Prediction: 4th WAC — **Bronco Stadium (30,000)**

Oklahoma State Cowboys

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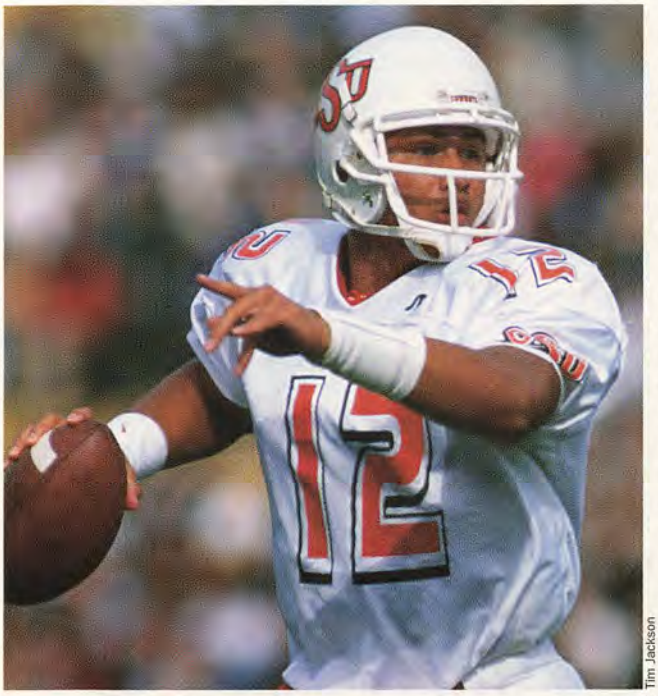
The newest head coach in the state of Oklahoma knows the bar has been raised in terms of rebuilding timetables. As everyone in Oklahoma knows, the last time a new coach was hired at one of the state's two Big 12 schools, he needed only two years to go from near the bottom of the South Division to a national championship.

New Oklahoma State coach Les Miles isn't promising a repeat of Bob Stoops' amazing revival at OU. But Miles, who helped lead OSU to the 1997 Alamo Bowl as offensive coordinator, does believe his Cowboys can match the Sooners' first-year progress under Stoops, who took OU to a minor bowl in 1999.



Tim Jackson

Aso Pogi

And while there may be no Josh Heupel on his roster, Miles believes he has a pretty special quarterback in sophomore Aso Pogi.

95 Oklahoma State's national ranking in scoring offense last year. The Cowboys moved the ball well at times, but had some major difficulties putting it into the end zone.

The versatile and imposing Pogi (6'3", 225 pounds) broke the school's freshman passing record last year despite seeing limited action in the season's first four games. But in his first two starts, Pogi passed for more than 600 yards, becoming the first OSU quarterback ever to pass for 300 or more yards in back-to-back games. Pogi, also the Cowboys' third-leading rusher, finished the year with 1,550 passing yards and came within inches of leading OSU to upset victories over Texas A&M and Oklahoma.

Sophomore tailback Tatum Bell, a heralded recruit two years ago, will receive the first opportunity to replace Reggie White, who chose to enter the NFL draft. Bell rushed for only 251 yards last year, but he averaged 5.1 yards per carry and electrified Lewis Field with a 60-yard touchdown run against Oklahoma.

"We think we'll have a quality tailback," Miles says. "Tatum Bell is probably the early leader with his great speed and elusiveness."

Wide receiver is an area where the Cowboys have a chance to show tremendous progress. Statistically, OSU returns its top four wideouts from last year (Rashaun Woods, Willie Young, Gabe Lindsay and Terrance Davis-Bryant), and all have shown some big-play potential. That quartet will be made even better by the arrival of speedy, big-play target John Lewis from Hinds (Miss.) Junior College. "I like our potential at the receiver positions," Miles says.

The Cowboys welcome back a wealth of experience on the offensive line, and most importantly, it appears to be an extremely talented unit.

Senior guards Bryan Phillips and Jeff Machado and junior left tackle Kyle Eaton earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors last year and are candidates for more honors in 2001.

Losing Juqua Thomas, Zac Warner and Zac Akin takes a huge bite out of the OSU defensive front. That trio combined to register 31 tackles for a loss and 15 sacks in 2000.

But OSU is not without some star potential. Junior defensive end Kevin Williams should be an impact player after recording four sacks and seven tackles for a loss last year.

On the other end, redshirt freshman Clay Coe has turned heads with his performance on the scout team and in spring drills. And to help address defensive coordinator Bill Clay's key objective of getting more speed on the field, sophomore Fath' Carter, who played prominently at linebacker last season, will receive a long look at defensive end.

In Clay's new defensive alignment, the Cowboys will frequently use just two linebackers. Fortunately for OSU, the Cowboys return two outstanding starters in Dwayne Levels and Terrence Robinson, along with another promising young linebacker, Greg Richmond.

The Cowboys are shaking things up in the secondary this year. That's sweet music to the ears of Oklahoma State fans, who often watched in horror last year as the Cowboys ranked last in the Big 12 and 105th nationally in pass defense.

OSU will use five defensive backs in its base alignment this season and could be dramatically improved. Starters Chris Massey, Michael Cooper, Elbert Craig and Robbie Gillem all return.

The best news for the special teams is that dangerous punt returner Lindsay is back after averaging nearly 10 yards per return and breaking one for a score last season.

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR	**82**	**Rashaun Woods (So., 1)**	11	Gabe Lindsay (Jr., 2)
WR	**88**	**Willie Young (Jr., 2)**	17	Terrance Davis-Bryant (Jr., 2)
LT	**65**	**Kyle Eaton (Jr., 2)**	73	Doug Koenig (So., 1)
LG	**64**	**Jeff Machado (Sr., 3)**	1	Jason Johnson (Sr., 3)
C	**62**	**Jon Vandrell (Sr., 2)**	72	D.J Grissom (Sr., 3)
RG	**66**	**Bryan Phillips (Sr., 3)**	71	Dustin Vanderhoof (Jr., 1)
RT	52	Jason Russell (Jr., 2)	79	Jon Hayhurst (So., 1)
TE	87	Tarrick McGuire (Sr., 2)	80	Mark Milosevich (Fr., 0)
QB	**5**	**Aso Pogi (So., 1)**	7	Curtis Cormel (Jr., 0)
TB	7	Tatum Bell (So., 1)	5	D.D. Cox (Fr., 0)
FB	**40**	**Tim Burrough (So., 1)**	29	Mike Denard (Jr., 1)

Defense (7)

DE	**58**	**Kevin Williams (Jr., 2)**	96	Clay Coe (Fr., 0)
DT	91	Chris Tyler (Sr., 3)	98	Mike Williams (So., 1)
DT	89	LaWaylon Brown (Jr., 2)	93	Shane Kennon (Jr., 1)
DE	83	Thomas Glapion (Jr., 1)	96	Clay Coe (Fr., 0)
LB	45	Greg Richmond (So., 1)	44	Ron Able (Sr., 1)
LB	**47**	**Dwayne Levels (Sr., 3)**	42	Jake Riffe (Sr., 3)
LB	**30**	**Terrence Robinson (Jr., 2)**	2	Fath' Carter (So., 0)
CB	**5**	**Michael Cooper (Sr., 1)**	15	Marcus Jones (Sr., 3)
CB	**8**	**Chris Massey (Jr., 2)**	9	Paul Jones (Sr., 1)
FS	**41**	**Robbie Gillem (Sr., 3)**	12	Roger Bomback (Sr., 2)
SS	**3**	**Elbert Craig (So., 1)**	1	Ricklan Holmes (Jr., 1)

Special Teams

K	6	Chris Calcagni (Sr., 0)
P	81	Scott Elder (Sr., 3)
KR	17	Terrance Davis-Bryant (Jr., 2)
PR	11	Gabe Lindsay (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Les Miles — **2000 Record (Big 12): 3–8 (1–7)**
2001 Prediction: 5th Big 12 South — **Lewis Field (48,000)**

Memphis Tigers

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The idea struck new University of Memphis coach Tommy West outside the locker room at the Louisiana Superdome last fall.

Then the Memphis defensive coordinator, West had seen his nationally ranked unit get thrashed by Tulane's high-octane, no-huddle offense. So when West was named U of M coach in late November, replacing Rip Scherer, he realized that if you can't beat 'em, steal from 'em.

Tim Clark/Athlon Sports

Travis Anglin

West sent his offensive staff to Clemson during the off-season to study the spread offense. Spring practice was a cram course in one-back, no-huddle sets.

After struggling to put points on the board over the past six seasons, the Tigers want to balance their typically strong defense with a productive offense.

2 The number of touchdown catches by Tiger receivers last season.

For a team that hasn't had a winning season since 1994, the radical change could be the edge the program needs to compete for one of Conference USA's four bowl bids.

Quarterback Travis Anglin missed most of last season with a severe ankle injury, but with mobility as his trump card, West thought Anglin would be an ideal fit for the spread offense. Neil Suber, who has started 13 games in his career, pushed Anglin during the spring and redshirt freshman Danny Wimprine, who ran a variation of the spread offense in high school, emerged not only as a candidate to start, but also as a forceful leader.

Scott Scherer, son of the former head coach, also is in the mix.

Sugar Sanders is the team's leading returning rusher but lacks the ability to break tackles and doesn't have breakaway speed.

Aaron Meadows doesn't make mistakes and has a knack for gaining three to five yards per rush.

Bunkie Perkins and Ryan Johnson return at receiver, having combined for 58 catches for 565 yards a year ago.

Darren Garcia has breakaway speed and Tavarious Davis, who missed last season with a knee injury, has great hands and an impressive work ethic.

To offer protection for Anglin, three of five starters are back on the offensive line including an all-conference candidate in left tackle Artis Hicks and promising center Jimond Pugh. Hicks is a three-year starter for the Tigers.

Josh Eargle, who tore ligaments in his knee early last fall, should be ready for the season opener.

To bolster the line, West moved tight end Wade Smith to tackle. Junior college transfer Eric Anderson provides depth.

On the defensive front, Albert Means, a former Memphis high school standout, transferred to Memphis after learning his talents had allegedly been sold to Alabama by his high school coach. Means, a sophomore, is 6'4" and 335 pounds with quickness that belies his size. As of early May, Memphis had not learned whether Means would be eligible for the 2001 season.

Tackle Eric Taylor is a sophomore whose quickness inside gives him big-play capability. The line will receive depth from incoming freshmen Dierre Carter and Shakorr Bryant.

Starters Tony Brown and Andre Arnold return at end. Brown missed the second half of spring practice with a knee injury, but he should be ready in the fall. Arnold is an all-conference candidate who had a league-best 13 sacks last year.

Derrick Ballard and Coot Terry are future all-conference players and, along with senior DeMorrio Shank, make linebacker the team's strongest position.

Shank sat out last season with a foot injury and moves from outside to middle linebacker, where he should overcome his lack of height by playing with reckless abandon. Ballard and Terry proved to be fierce hitters and Terry became a fan favorite.

In the secondary, safety Glenn Sumter has a knack for being exactly where he's supposed to be. Marcus Smith is an excellent cover corner.

All-conference standout Idrees Bashir left a year early to enter the NFL Draft and Bo Arnold was severely injured in an automobile accident prior to spring practice.

Former running back Dernice Wherry moved to safety and could have an impact. He has speed and hard-hitting ability after also playing outside linebacker as a sophomore.

Kicker Ryan White, a preseason All-American in 2000, returns hoping the team's deep snapping troubles have been eliminated. James Gaither will likely handle punts.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR	1	**Bunkie Perkins (Sr., 1)**	81	Tripp Higgins (Jr., 2)
TE	86	Jeff Cameron (Jr., 1)	89	Jason Johnson (Fr., 0)
LT	65	**Artis Hicks (Sr., 3)**	51	Jason Austin (Sr., 2)
LG	63	**Josh Eargle (Sr., 2)**	78	Baki Celaj (Jr., 1)
C	62	**Jimond Pugh (Jr., 1)**	64	Drew Harmon (Fr., 0)
RG	74	Trey Eyre (Jr., 2)	61	Jon Crews (So., 0)
RT		Wade Smith (Jr., 2)	68	Joey Gerda (Jr., 2)
QB	15	**Travis Anglin (Jr., 2)**	14	Neil Suber (Sr., 3)
TB	20	**Sugar Sanders (Jr., 2)**	47	Aaron Meadows (Sr., 2)
WR	9	**Ryan Johnson (Jr., 2)**	88	Tavarious Davis (Fr., 0)
WR	16	Darren Garcia (So., 1)	10	Casey Rooney (Jr., 2)

Defense (7)

DE	97	**Tony Brown (Sr., 2)**	96	Treveco Lucas (So., 0)
DT	50	Eric Taylor (So., 1)	77	Albert Means (So., 0)
NT	84	Boris Penchion (Jr., 1)	99	Doug Whittaker (Jr., 0)
DE	94	**Andre Arnold (Sr., 3)**	91	Stanley Jackson (Jr., 1)
OLB	44	**Derrick Ballard (So., 1)**	17	Derrick Harmon (Jr., 1)
ILB	45	DeMorrio Shank (Sr., 3)	48	Mowbray Rowand (Jr., 1)
OLB	37	Coot Terry (So., 1)	**42**	**Greg Harper (So., 1)**
CB	21	**Marcus Smith (Sr., 2)**	29	Quincy Stephenson (Jr., 2)
SS	24	**Glenn Sumter (So., 1)**	23	Jamie Green (Fr., 0)
FS	2	**Jason Brown (So., 1)**	3	Dernice Wherry (Sr., 2)
CB	38	Anthony Harden (So., 0)	5	Bo Arnold (So., 0)

Special Teams

K	82	Ryan White (Sr., 3)
P		James Gaither (Fr., 0)
KR	6	Darché Epting (Jr., 2)
PR	9	Ryan Johnson (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Tommy West — **2000 Record (C-USA): 4-7 (2-5)**
2001 Prediction: 5th C-USA — **Liberty Bowl (62,380)**

San Diego State Aztecs

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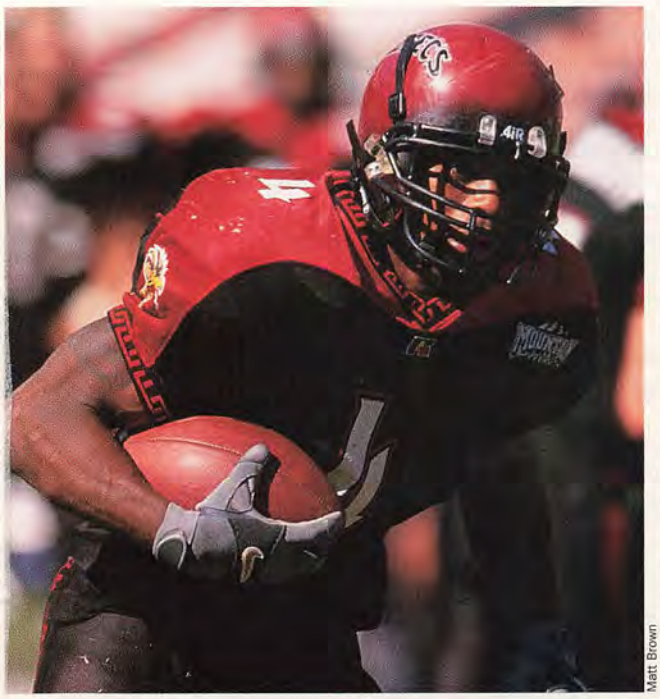
The 10-year contract is nice, but the 40–40 record is less than wonderful. With three losing seasons in the last four, coach Ted Tollner knows his San Diego State program needs to make a move forward. Tollner turned down an offer to become the Cleveland Browns' offensive coordinator. The lack of progress is exactly what made him stay.



Matt Brown

Larry Ned

"We are not happy with what happened last year, and there is no way I can walk away from that," Tollner says. "I want to see this thing through."

So he will stay as the Aztecs try to bounce back from an injury-filled 3–8 season. With seven players who made the All-Mountain West first or second team, they have more returning studs than any team in the league.

.516 The Aztecs need to improve on their completion percentage after ranking last in the Mountain West in passing efficiency.

At a school known for prolific passers, quarterback injuries and inconsistency have caused trouble the past few seasons. Offensive coordinator Dave Lay is confident that junior Lon Sheriff will reverse that trend. Lay likes Sheriff's toughness, intelligence and willingness to stay in the pocket.

Knee and shoulder injuries limited running back Larry Ned to six games last season, when he was listed as a senior. But by graduating, Ned can regain the year of eligibility he lost as a partial qualifier. SDSU hopes he returns to his form of 1999, when he gained 894 yards while sharing the position. With injuries to Ned and James Truvillion, the Aztecs had to cobble together a running game, even in a one-back scheme. Jason Van ran for 78 yards on 17 carries in the finale of his freshman season against UNLV, and Lay likes having depth at the position.

Wide receiver J.R. Tolver caught 62 passes for 808 yards and established himself as a consistent playmaker. Explosive Derrick Lewis caught 31 passes for 782 yards. Senior Thomas Howard figures into Lay's plans as a slot receiver.

With Gray McNeill returning from a knee injury and the likes of Brian Gelt, Raleigh Fletcher and converted defensive end Sakimo Randall also available, Lay labels his tight end/H-back corps "far and away the best group we've had."

Having several returning starters up front should boost the offense, with guard David Moreno and tackle Chester Pitts as anchors. Zach La Monda is returning from an injury at center, and tackle Mike Houghton and guard Jon Ingram should improve.

SDSU's defense fell from first to fifth in the Mountain West, allowing 350.2 yards per game. The trouble started when defensive end Akbar Gbaja-Biamila was injured while riding his bicycle two days after the season opener. The Aztecs had trouble sacking quarterbacks and stopping opponents on third down.

Just the same, defensive coordinator Ken Delgado is comfortable with any combination of at least six players working at the four line positions. The line revolves around 5'9" nose tackle Jerome Haywood and ends Andrew Brigham, Ryan Iata and Amon Arnold, who had four sacks.

Weak-side linebacker Jomar Butler averaged 10 tackles per game after becoming a starter in the third week. Strong-side linebacker Dylan Robles had five sacks and 10 tackles for loss to complement Butler. Beau Trickey, a "dynamic" player who made some freshman mistakes, could settle in at middle linebacker.

Cornerback Ricky Sharpe was actually too effective last fall for SDSU's own good. Opponents avoided his side of the field so consistently that Delgado had to change his scheme to keep Sharpe involved. Donte Gamble, who struggled at times, has a chance to step in at the other corner, where redshirt freshman Marviel Underwood is a player of the future.

All-conference strong safety Will Demps roams the field and made 15 tackles for loss, while Garret Pavelko moved in at free safety when the graduated Brian Russell moved to corner late in the season.

The Aztecs return one of the Mountain West's best punters but need to improve their coverage. Brian Simnjanovski averaged 42.8 yards, yet SDSU ranked seventh in the league in net punting at 32.9 yards. The Aztecs also allowed 22.8 yards on kickoff returns, ranking seventh. Juco transfer Tommy Kirovski will have an excellent chance to become the kicker.

Depth Chart

Offense (11)

SE	**16**	**J.R. Tolver (Jr., 2)**	7	Thomas Howard (Sr., 2)
QT	**70**	**Chester Pitts (Sr., 1)**	74	Mike Kracalik (Fr., 0)
QG	**60**	**Jon Ingram (Jr., 1)**	61	Sikoti Uipi (Sr., 1)
C	**68**	**Raul Gomez (Jr., 1)**	64	Zach LaMonda (Sr., 0)
SG	**78**	**David Moreno (Sr., 1)**	77	Shawn Dickie (So., 0)
ST	79	Brendan Darby (So., 1)	**69**	**Mike Houghton (Sr., 2)**
TE	86	Gray McNeill (Sr., 3)	**82**	**Brian Gelt (Sr., 1)**
H	11	Deric Martin (Sr., 2)	80	Justin Stewart (Sr., 1)
WR	**15**	**Derrick Lewis (Sr., 2)**	1	Craig Mitchell (Sr., 0)
QB	**13**	**Lon Sheriff (Jr., 2)**	14	Adam Hall (So., 0)
RB	**4**	**Larry Ned (Sr., 3)**	**21**	**James Truvillion (Sr., 3)**

Defense (9)

LE	**98**	**Andrew Brigham (Sr., 1)**	50	Amon Arnold (Jr., 2)
T	**49**	**Anthony Foli (So., 1)**	96	Jared Ritter (Sr., 0)
NT	**51**	**Jerome Haywood (Sr., 3)**	97	Sagan Atuatasi (Fr., 0)
RE	**90**	**Ryan Iata (Jr., 2)**	94	Akbar Gbaja-Biamila (Sr., 1)
SLB	**32**	**Dylan Robles (Sr., 1)**	54	Stephen Larsen (Fr., 0)
MLB	35	Beau Trickey (So., 1)	34	Kirk Morrison (Fr., 0)
WLB	**37**	**Jomar Butler (Sr., 2)**	19	Jay Kos (Sr., 1)
LC	**22**	**Donte Gamble (Sr., 1)**	30	Marviel Underwood (Fr., 0)
RC	**3**	**Ricky Sharpe (Jr., 2)**	23	Greg Taylor (Jr., 0)
SS	**47**	**Will Demps (Sr., 2)**	43	Shane Johnson (So., 1)
FS	2	Garret Pavelko (Sr., 1)	42	Josh Dean (Fr., 0)

Special Teams

K		Tommy Kirovski (Jr., 0)
P	27	Brian Simnjanovski (Jr., 2)
PR	15	Derrick Lewis (Sr., 2)
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Head Coach: Ted Tollner — **2000 Record (MWC): 3–8 (3–4)**
2001 Prediction: 5th MWC — **Qualcomm Stadium (71,300)**

TCU Horned Frogs

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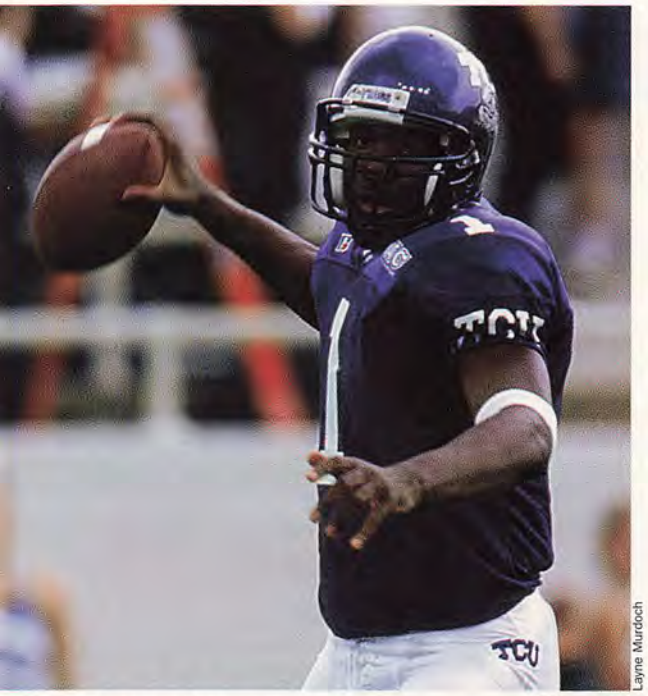
Life will be different at TCU. Not only will the Horned Frogs have to play without running back LaDainian Tomlinson, but they'll also be without coach Dennis Franchione, now at Alabama.

And they'll have to adjust to playing in a new conference, moving from the Western Athletic Conference to Conference USA.

Tomlinson is one of 28 seniors first-year coach Gary Patterson must replace, but Patterson isn't worried about a dropoff.

"We have a tradition now," he says. "This team has an understanding of what it takes to be a winning program. We have won three back-to-back conference titles, gone to three straight bowl games, and it was because of hard work."



Layne Murdoch

Casey Printers

410/52 The Horned Frogs scored a school-record 410 points and a school-record 52 touchdowns in 2000, breaking the previous marks of 48 touchdowns and 376 points set during the 1984 season.

Casey Printers gives TCU a great hedge against rebuilding. Printers was one of the nation's most effective quarterbacks last year, passing for 1,584 yards and 16 touchdowns. He ranked first in the WAC and fourth nationally in passing efficiency with a 156.7 rating. He did not throw an interception in his last 59 regular-season pass attempts.

With Tomlinson gone, Andrew Hayes-Stoker will be the team's top returning tailback, and sophomore Ricky Madison will back him up. Together, Hayes-Stoker and Madison combined for 254 yards, or about 2,000 fewer than Tomlinson.

Junior LaTarence Dunbar gives Printers a big-play threat. Dunbar, the only returning starter at wideout, had four touchdown catches last season.

Reggie Harrell, the projected starter at H-back, is an outstanding track athlete and was named the 2001 WAC Indoor Track Freshman of the Year.

Kevin Brown is considered to be a key contributor at wide receiver as one of four TCU receivers to catch touchdowns last year.

Tight end B.J. Roberts is an excellent run blocker who should help an inexperienced line.

Left guard Victor Payne is the only returning starter, and the only senior, on an offensive line that flourished in 2000. The unit allowed only 14 sacks and helped the Horned Frogs average 275 yards rushing and 421 overall. Payne will be entering his third season as a starter.

The rest of the projected starters — left tackle John Glud, center Jamal Powell, right guard J.T Aughinbaugh and right tackle Brady Barrick — have size, but little experience.

Like the offensive line, the defensive front welcomes back only one starter, end Chad McCarty.

McCarty was a key component of TCU's top-ranked defense, finishing with seven tackles for loss, including three sacks, among his 31 stops. McCarty's brother, Chance, was an all-conference defensive end at TCU during the 1997 season.

At the other end will be Joe Hill, who brings speed and agility to the position.

Nose tackle Chad Pugh got considerable playing time in the defensive line rotation a year ago, and defensive tackle John Turntine is an excellent athlete.

Strongside linebacker Chad Bayer, a former walk-on, is entering his third season as a starter. Underrated, Bayer has developed into one of the unit's strongest and fastest. He led the team with 107 tackles and finished second in tackles for loss with 14.

Adrian Lewis is an aggressive linebacker with good speed whose identical twin brother, Allen Lewis, is a TCU fullback.

Three of the team's five defensive backs return, including 25-year-old Bo Springfield, a former minor league baseball player who excels in man-to-man coverage. Safety Charlie Owens enters his second year as a starter in the secondary. Owens had six tackles for loss a year ago.

Cornerback Jason Goss missed the final seven games last year due to a knee injury, but should return as one of the secondary's leaders. Free safety Kenneth Hilliard moves over from cornerback.

In Dunbar the Horned Frogs possess one of the nation's most exciting return men. He was the nation's top-ranked kick returner a year ago averaging 33.7 yards per return.

Two punters, Joey Biasatti and John Braziel, return with starting experience.

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

WR	**3**	**LaTarence Dunbar (Jr., 2)**	83	Terran Williams (Jr., 1)
WR	81	Reggie Harrell (Fr., 0)	89	Reuben Randle (Fr., 0)
WR	85	Kevin Brown (Jr., 2)	84	Anthony Gilliam (Fr., 0)
LT	66	John Glud (So., 0)	55	Anthony Alabi (Fr., 0)
LG	**78**	**Victor Payne (Sr., 3)**	68	Josh Harbuck (Jr., 0)
C	73	Jamal Powell (Jr., 1)	75	Chase Johnson (Fr., 0)
RG	70	J.T. Aughinbaugh (Jr., 0)	79	Zach Bray (Fr., 0)
RT	63	Brady Barrick (Jr., 0)	67	Jon Morgan (So., 0)
TE	**91**	**B.J. Roberts (Sr., 3)**	19	Matt Schobel (Sr., 2)
QB	**1**	**Casey Printers (Jr., 2)**	6	Sean Stilley (Jr., 0)
TB	22	Andrew Hayes-Stoker (Sr., 2)	34	Ricky Madison (So., 1)

Defense (5)

DE	**92**	**Chad McCarty (Sr., 3)**	21	Bo Schobel (So., 1)
DT	49	John Turntine (Jr., 2)	87	Richard Evans (So., 0)
NT	76	Chad Pugh (So., 1)	98	Brandon Johnson (Fr., 0)
DE	25	Joe Hill (Sr., 3)	94	Robert Pollard (So., 1)
LB	**48**	**Chad Bayer (Sr., 2)**	54	LaMarcus McDonald (Jr., 1)
LB	42	Adrian Lewis (Sr., 2)	51	Josh Goolsby (So., 0)
CB	**39**	**Jason Goss (Jr., 2)**	27	Kendrick Patterson (Sr., 3)
WS	**17**	**Charlie Owens (Sr., 3)**	7	Nathan Roach (Jr., 1)
FS	2	Kenneth Hilliard (Jr., 1)	16	Jason Higham (Sr., 1)
SS	43	Jared Smitherman (Jr., 0)	23	Marvin Godbolt (Fr., 0)
CB	**30**	**Bo Springfield (Jr., 2)**	28	Tyrone Sanders (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	9	Tommy Taylor (So., 0)
P	26	Joey Biasatti (Jr., 1)
KR	3	LaTarence Dunbar (Jr., 2)
PR	39	Jason Goss (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Gary Patterson — **2000 Record (WAC): 10-2 (7-1)**
2001 Prediction: 6th C-USA — **Carter Stadium (46,000)**

Idaho Vandals

73

At first glance, the 2001 Idaho Vandals look like the baddest car on the lot. What's not to like about a team that returns 18 starters from a squad that had one of the most explosive offenses in the nation?

Yet, there are concerns. Only nine of the returning first-teamers started more than half of the Vandals' games. Standout senior quarterback John Welsh returns, but the offensive line does not.

Idaho SID

John Welsh

"It will take good coaching and team speed to win the Sun Belt Conference," says head coach Tom Cable, himself a former Vandal offensive lineman.

Just how well he develops that area could determine whether Idaho improves or retreats from last year's 5–6 mark.

139.34 Quarterback John Welsh's efficiency rating. It's a number that could soar if he cuts back on the 17 interceptions he threw in 2000.

Welsh returns for his third season as Idaho's starting quarterback. Last year he completed nearly 63 percent of his passes in leading an attack that was eighth nationally in total offense. But he also threw 17 interceptions, something that Cable blames on learning a new offensive scheme.

Still, this is a position of great strength for the Vandals, so long as Welsh remains healthy. There are no experienced quarterbacks behind Welsh, as Brian Lindgren and Adam Mallette have never played a down of college football.

Despite the loss of 1,000-yard rusher Willie Alderson, Idaho should be deep, talented and productive at the tailback position. Zach Gerstner proved to be steady and dependable while rushing for over 300 yards last year. Anthony Tenner returns after missing last season with an injury.

But the staff is anxious to get the ball in the hands of junior college transfer Blair Lewis. "He has speed and pure talent to not only make you miss but to hit a home run," says Cable.

Idaho likes to distribute the ball evenly among three or four receivers, but Chris Lacy is the go-to guy. He tied for the team lead with 45 receptions last year and another player, Josh Jelmberg, had 44.

Two juco speedsters — David Akers and Andrew Hill — have big-play ability. Sophomore Orlando Winston, who sat out last season with a suspension, could start.

With a glut of long-ball options and a young offensive line, tight end Geoff Franks will be utilized primarily as a blocker.

The most experienced member of a young offensive line is sophomore tackle Jake Scott, who started every game as a freshman. "Jake more than holds his own and I think you'll see him dominate at times this year," says Cable.

Competing for starting jobs on the revamped line will be a combination of returnees and JC transfers. Of the returning players, Matt Martinez and Joel Barker are the most experienced with appearances in five games last year. Jason Cobb, Seann Mumford and Tony Kiel move up from the scout team. JC transfers Ariel Bellofiore, Ray DeAnda and Robert Mitchell enrolled in school last January and participated in spring workouts.

Everything the Vandals lack on their offensive line, they have in abundance on the other side of the ball. Nose tackle Wil Beck was the Big West co-Defensive Player of the Year in 2000. He has been a starter since he was a true freshman in 1998.

Another three-year starter is end Ryan Knowles. Mike Jones started nine games at tackle while Josh Jelinek started twice.

Jordan Kramer and Brad Rice have both moved from safety to linebacker. "That really helped speed up the defense," says Cable. "We're more athletic and have more speed in our front seven."

Sophomore linebackers Pat Libey and Jordan Lampos have both made great gains in physical strength and emerged as team leaders during the spring.

Tim Sams will move from cornerback to fill one of the safety slots with Ighe Evero manning the other.

Duval Seamster gets the nod at one corner but the other starting job will go to either Antjuan Tolbert or redshirt freshman Simeon Stewart.

Idaho dipped into the junior college ranks for kicker Brian Pope. Punter Ryan Downes struggled early last year but finished strong with 15 punts downed inside the 20.

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

WR	87	Rossi Martin (Sr., 1)	8	Chris Belser (Jr., 2)
LT	**74**	**Jake Scott (So., 1)**	67	Tony Kiel (Fr., 0)
LG	70	Jason Cobb (So., 0)	43	Michael Togafau (Fr., 0)
C	62	Matt Martinez (So., 0)	58	Joel Barker (Sr., 1)
RG	72	Robert Mitchell (Jr., 0)	65	Kyle Stewart (So., 0)
RT	79	Seann Mumford (Jr., 0)	69	Ray DeAnda (Jr., 0)
TE	84	Geoff Franks (Sr., 3)	6	Yasir-Jamaal Cole (Sr., 2)
QB	**13**	**John Welsh (Sr., 3)**	11	Brian Lindgren (So., 0)
FB	44	Kevin O'Connell (Jr., 1)	**34**	**Nate Griffin (So., 1)**
RB	2	Anthony Tenner (Sr., 3)	28	Zach Gerstner (So., 1)
WR	**3**	**Chris Lacy (Sr., 3)**	12	Josh Jelmberg (Jr., 2)

Defense (5)

DE	96	Dennis Taeatafa (Sr., 2)	45	Brendan Floyd (Fr., 0)
DT	**55**	**Mike Jones (Jr., 2)**	77	Josh Jelinek (Jr., 1)
DT	**91**	**Wil Beck (Sr., 3)**	93	Brian Howard (Fr., 0)
DE	**50**	**Ryan Knowles (Sr., 3)**	98	Dan White (So., 1)
LB	**18**	**Brad Rice (Sr., 3)**	40	Patrick Libey (So., 1)
LB	46	Jordan Lampos (So., 1)	29	Jason Williams (So., 1)
LB	41	James Staley (Jr., 0)	**7**	**Jordan Kramer (Jr., 2)**
SS	30	Ighe Evero (Sr., 3)	15	Mike Wakefield (Fr., 0)
FS	5	Tim Sams (Jr., 2)	33	Sergio Robleto (Jr., 0)
CB	1	Duval Seamster (Sr., 1)	32	Antjuan Tolbert (So., 1)
CB	4	Ed Rankin (Jr., 1)	16	Sammy Ruben (Jr., 0)

Special Teams

K		Brian Pope (So., 0)
P	17	Ryan Downes (So., 1)
KR	3	Chris Lacy (Sr., 3)
PR	5	Tim Sams (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Tom Cable — 2000 Record (Big West): 5–6 (3–2)
2001 Prediction: 1st Sun Belt — Martin Stadium (37,600)

Ohio Bobcats

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Brian Knorr is the new man in charge at Ohio University, and more than anything else he wants to pick up where his predecessor left off. Jim Grobe departed after a 7–4 season in 2000 — his fifth straight winning campaign — to take the head coaching job at Wake Forest.

"I always envisioned that if something came up, I would follow Jim Grobe," Knorr told reporters in December when he was promoted.

Ohio SID

Dontrell Jackson

"But in the final analysis, what it all came down to was, it's really hard to leave guys like (linebacker) Tom Weilbacher, (wide receiver) Joe Mohler and (cornerback) Arden Banks. Those are some of the finest kids I've ever met."

12.3 That was the average scoring margin last year for the Bobcats, who scored 31.2 points per game, while holding their opponents to an average of 18.9 points per game.

Those players will anchor a team that returns 15 starters and is confident after beating such teams as Minnesota and Marshall last season. That has the players thinking about winning a conference championship, and it looks like the Bobcats may have the pieces to do just that.

The Bobcats may do more throwing this year with quarterback Dontrell Jackson back for his junior season. Jackson threw for 881 yards and eight touchdowns last season, but he did most of his damage on the ground by leading the team with 864 rushing yards and two touchdowns.

Jackson will be the most dangerous weapon on the team, but he'll get plenty of support from running backs Chad Brinker and Jamel Patterson. Brinker, who is recovering from off-season shoulder surgery, rushed for 734 yards and 10 touchdowns last season. Patterson rushed for 660 yards (5.8 yards per carry) and seven touchdowns.

At fullback, junior Joe Sherill is back. He played in nine games last season and rushed for 323 yards and one touchdown.

Mohler, a junior split end, caught 13 passes for 251 yards as a sophomore and will be asked to increase those numbers this fall. The Bobcats will also be looking for more from James Taylor (eight catches, 90 yards), Stafford Owens, Jason Caesar and Mareion Royster.

Tight end Chris Knaack returns after catching six balls for 70 yards and two touchdowns last season.

The Bobcats offensive line receives a boost by the return of senior guard Nick Glowacki. A first-team All-MAC selection in 1999, Glowacki missed the final six games of the 2000 campaign with an injury.

The starting center — either Taylor Ketchum (six starts in 2000) or junior Doug Wooten (five starts) — probably won't be determined until just before the start of the season. David Patton is back at right guard for his senior season. At tackle, Chris Jackson is slated to start on the left side, and on the right side junior Erik Grahovac and sophomore Steve Lawrence will lead the way.

Mike Fox, who recorded 43 tackles last year at end, is Ohio's only returning starter along the three-man defensive line. Lamar Martin will be asked to step in for Damion Washington, who contributed 43 tackles last season at nose guard. Martin is recovering from knee surgery but is expected to be ready for the opener.

Weilbacher, who led the Bobcats with 92 tackles in 2000, anchors the deep linebacking corps. Shawn Murphy and Demetri Taylor will battle for the other inside 'backer position, though both can expect extensive playing time.

Seniors Trendale Perkins and Matt Weikert, who combined for 69 tackles last season, will battle Greg Baskin for playing time on the outside. Baskin recorded 46 stops in 2000. Sophomore Willie Sherman will also factor into the linebacker rotation.

Senior Chris London is back at strong safety after finishing third on the team last year with 78 tackles. Junior Joe Sellers (33 tackles in '00) is the expected starter at free safety. At one cornerback position, Banks should step in for the departed Donnie White. At the other corner spot, sophomore Bop White, who had six pass breakups and a team-high three interceptions, will be solid.

Punter Dave Zastudil is back after averaging 44.3 yards per kick last season. And placekicker Kevin Kerr returns after converting 12-of-17 field goals.

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

SE	**25 Joe Mohler (Jr., 2)**	12 Mareion Royster (Sr., 3)
LT	**67 Chris Jackson (Jr., 2)**	**50 Dennis Thompson (So., 1)**
LG	75 Nick Glowacki (Sr., 3)	79 Paul Stanko (Jr., 0)
C	**56 Taylor Ketchum (Sr., 1)**	61 Doug Wooten (Jr., 2)
RG	**72 Dave Patton (Sr., 2)**	77 Khalid Johnson (Sr., 2)
RT	60 Erik Grahovac (Jr., 1)	66 Steve Lawrence (So., 0)
TE	**40 Chris Knaack (Sr., 2)**	81 Randy Pennington (Jr., 1)
QB	**17 Dontrell Jackson (Jr., 2)**	10 Freddie Ray (So., 1)
FB	**28 Joe Sherrill (Jr., 2)**	29 Ray Huston (Fr., 0)
RB	20 Jamel Patterson (Sr., 3)	**5 Chad Brinker (Jr., 2)**
ZB	7 Stafford Owens (Fr., 0)	11 Jason Caesar (Jr., 1)

Defense (6)

LB	**43 Greg Baskin (Sr., 3)**	44 Trendale Perkins (Sr., 3)
DE	**97 Mike Fox (Sr., 3)**	91 Garrett Bush (Fr., 0)
NG	54 Lamar Martin (Jr., 2)	99 Andre Parker (So., 1)
DE	96 Keith Adamson (So., 1)	98 Art Adams (Sr., 3)
LB	52 Matt Weikert (Sr., 3)	90 Hugh Grant (So., 1)
LB	**31 Tom Weilbacher (Jr., 2)**	59 Rich Constantine (So., 0)
LB	49 Shawn Murphy (Sr., 1)	55 Demetri Taylor (So., 1)
SS	**22 Chris London (Sr., 3)**	87 James Taylor (So., 0)
FS	**2 Joe Sellers (Jr., 2)**	6 Roy McCullough (Fr., 0)
CB	**9 Bop White (Jr.,2)**	13 Thomas Stephens (So., 1)
CB	23 Arden Banks (Sr., 3)	24 Rahman Shavers (Fr., 0)

Special Teams

K	18 Kevin Kerr (Jr., 2)
P	19 Dave Zastudil (Sr., 3)
KR	5 Chad Brinker (Jr., 2)
PR	7 Stafford Owens (Fr., 0)

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Head Coach: Brian Knorr — **2000 Record (MAC): 7–4 (5–3)**
2001 Prediction: 2nd Mac East — **Peden Stadium (20,000)**

Kentucky Wildcats

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Confusing is the only word that describes the unrelenting free-fall that has gripped the Wildcats' program. A year after UK made back-to-back bowl trips for the first time in 16 years, the Wildcats finished last season by losing their final eight games. An avalanche of NCAA rules violations followed. So did the dismissal of coach Hal Mumme, defensive coordinator Mike Major, boisterous recruiting coordinator Claude Bassett and other members of the coaching staff.

Ric Fogel

Jared Lorenzen

Now Guy Morriss, a former all-pro tackle who served as the offensive line coach for Mumme, is on the job to rally Kentucky.

Jared Lorenzen, a 275-pound lefty, threw more interceptions (21) than touchdowns (19) as his weight climbed closer to 300.

16 The Wildcats threw 16 more interceptions (21) than they stole (5).

Morriss says he might not name his starter until the night before the Wildcats open the season against Louisville on Sept. 1. Lorenzen remains the favorite because of his nuclear left arm. But Morriss wants him to get serious about losing weight and to stop forcing passes into double coverage. If Lorenzen can't deliver, Morriss will start Shane Boyd, a redshirt freshman.

"We've got two players who can move this football team," Morriss says.

It doesn't help the quarterback that there is not a tough-yards back on the roster. Starting tailback Chad Scott ran for 611 yards, averaging nearly five yards per carry, but he weighs only 178 pounds, hardly ideal for between-the-tackles work. Backup Artose Pinner is stronger but lacks the speed to break long runs.

Last season Derek Smith was the best tight end in the SEC. This season he could become the best tight end in America. Smith can catch, run, block and make plays. If it's possible for a 6'6", 265-pounder to be a game-breaker, Smith qualifies.

Look for Morriss to rotate a platoon of wide receivers. Derek Abney, Brad Pyatt and Mike Beirne are solid possession guys. When they need to stretch the defense, the Wildcats look to speedsters Dougie Allen and Ernest Simms.

Kentucky blockers learned a new trick this spring — the three-point stance. The Wildcats have been so pass-oriented that nearly every play has unfolded with the blockers standing upright. "We're emphasizing being tougher across the offensive line," Morriss says.

Morriss has guys who can knock tacklers off their feet. Tackle Antonio Hall was one of the best freshmen in the SEC. Guards Josh Parrish and Kip Sixbery are eager drive blockers. Three other offensive linemen — Nolan DeVaughn, Keith Chatelain and Matt Brown — have starting experience

Kentucky's top defensive recruit is defensive coordinator John Goodner, whose Texas Tech defenses led the nation in turnovers created in the five-year period from 1993-97. Goodner has installed his trademark 4–2 defense, which features four down linemen, two inside linebackers and two safeties pulled near the line of scrimmage.

Goodner inherits a pair of promising run-stoppers in tackles Dewayne Robertson and Jeremy Caudill. Defensive ends Dennis Johnson and Chris Demaree bring more speed than power to their positions.

At linebacker, Ryan Murphy is the team's most experienced defender as well as the top returning tackler. He's a solid hitter, but must do a better job of containing. Jamal White might be the best athlete on the defensive unit, but he has yet to prove he's a playmaker. If White can't create more turmoil, look for Ronnie Riley to move in.

The two safeties positioned near the line of scrimmage will have more run responsibilities, so they've got to be big hitters. If David Johnson can avoid injury problems, he is a natural. He's strong enough to stop the run and he can run with tight ends. The other safety, Chris Gayton, made 20 tackles in the first four games, then suffered a knee injury.

Corners Earven Flowers and Derrick Tatum have one job: prevent the long pass. And they should get help from free safety Anthony Wajda, a superb athlete, who intercepted five passes and made 68 tackles two years ago.

Kicker Seth Hanson overcomes his lack of range with accuracy. He made 15-of-17 field goals. Punting has been a problem, as has the return game.

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR	12	Derek Abney (So., 1)	5	Brad Pyatt (Jr., 2)
LT	**72**	**Matt Brown (Sr., 3)**	61	Matt Huff (Fr., 0)
LG	**66**	**Kip Sixbery (Jr., 2)**	75	Sylvester Miller (So., 0)
C	57	Nolan DeVaughn (Sr., 2)	**65**	**Keith Chatelain (Jr., 1)**
RG	71	Josh Parrish (Sr., 3)	78	Nick Seitze (So., 1)
RT	**73**	**Antonio Hall (So., 1)**	70	Jason Rollins (Fr., 0)
TE	**35**	**Derek Smith (Jr., 2)**	85	Eric Arling (So., 1)
QB	**22**	**Jared Lorenzen (So., 1)**	2	Shane Boyd (Fr., 0)
RB	**4**	**Chad Scott (So., 1)**	40	Artose Pinner (Jr., 2)
WR	1	Anthony Kelly (Sr., 3)	81	Aaron Boone (Jr., 0)
WR	**88**	**Dougie Allen (Sr., 3)**	3	Ernest Simms (Jr., 2)

Defense (6)

DE	51	Chris Demaree (Sr., 3)	94	Richard Hardin (Jr., 2)
DT	**63**	**Dewayne Robertson (So., 1)**	46	John Robinson (Jr., 2)
DT	**68**	**Jeremy Caudill (So., 1)**	55	Derrick Johnson (Sr., 2)
DE	56	Dennis Johnson (Jr., 2)	**18**	**Otis Grigsby (Jr., 2)**
S	33	Chris Gayton (Sr., 3)	29	Patrick Wiggins (Sr., 2)
LB	**59**	**Ryan Murphy (Sr., 3)**	26	Morris Lane (Jr., 2)
LB	47	Jamal White (Sr., 3)	**8**	**Ronnie Riley (Sr., 3)**
S	**6**	**David Johnson (Jr., 2)**	30	Octavius Bond (So., 0)
FS	24	Anthony Wajda (Sr., 3)	2	Quentus Cumby (Jr., 2)
CB	44	Earven Flowers (Fr., 0)	38	Jeremy Bowie (Sr., 3)
CB	21	Derrick Tatum (Jr., 2)	20	Leonard Burress (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	10	Seth Hanson (Sr., 3)
P	49	Glenn Pakulak (Jr., 1)
KR	12	Derek Abney (So., 1)
PR	12	Derek Abney (So., 1)

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Head Coach: Guy Morriss — **2000 Record (SEC): 2–9 (0–8)**
2001 Prediction: 6th SEC East — **Commonwealth Stadium (67,530)**

Central Florida Golden Knights

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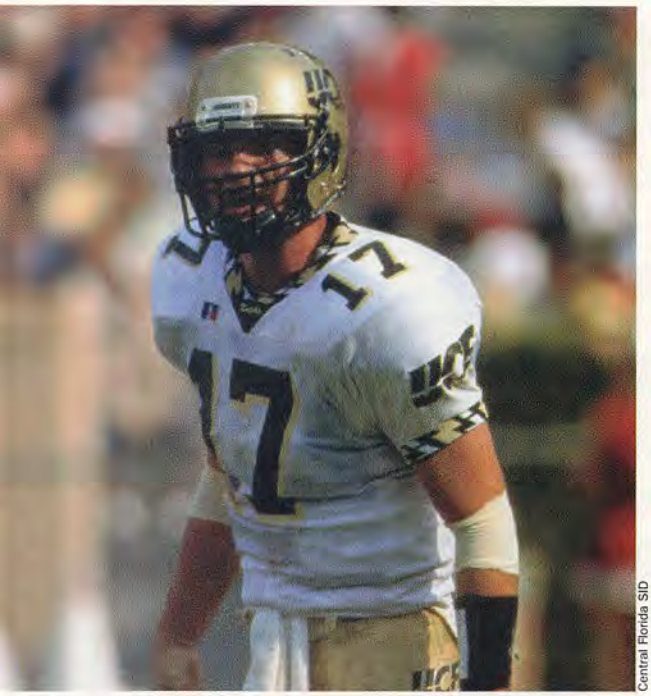
Central Florida is becoming the PBS of college football — critically acclaimed, yet out of the mainstream. The Golden Knights are a respectable 20–13 in three years under Mike Kruczek. They play an exciting brand of ball and have a knack for rattling the cages of some of the game's heavy hitters.

But without a conference affiliation, UCF never makes the guest list when holiday party invitations go out. It doesn't matter if it has a dynamic talent like Daunte Culpepper or a solid 7–4 team. UCF seems destined to spend the holidays at home.



Central Florida SID

Ryan Schneider

4:1 The Golden Knights gain four yards through the air for every one on the ground. But that's to be expected with former NFL quarterback and current UCF head coach Mike Kruczek calling the shots.

Sophomore Ryan Schneider will guide an offense that ranked 12th nationally in passing. Schneider stepped in for the injured Vic Penn early last season and guided the Golden Knights to a 5–2 mark over the final seven games, including a thrilling 40–38 victory at Alabama.

Fundamentally sound and a good decision-maker, Schneider was ninth in the nation with an efficiency rating of 147.0. He threw for more than 300 yards in four of seven starts.

UCF lacks depth in the backfield, but this is a team that likes to put it in the air. When the Golden Knights do decide to get dirty, sophomore Corey Baker will be the first to get the ball. He's quick and shifty and led the team with more than 400 yards rushing. Senior Terrance Williams returns after missing the entire 2000 season with a bum ankle.

The highest priority at wide receiver is finding a replacement for Tyson Hinshaw, who set a UCF record with 89 catches.

Jimmy Fryzel is the top returnee with 36 catches. He's an exceptional athlete who had two touchdown receptions that went for 59 yards or more.

Highly touted JC transfer Doug Gabriel has size and speed and showed big-play ability during the spring. Mario Jackson returns after starting all 11 games at tight end.

Returning senior starters Steve Edwards and Willie Comerford will anchor a physically imposing offensive line. Comerford, who squats more than 500 pounds, started the last 10 games at guard and did not allow a sack all season.

By UCF standards, 6'6", 285-pound Brian Huff is downright scrawny. But the junior played in all 11 games, started three, and is slated to start opposite Edwards at the other tackle position. Redshirt freshman Travis Muse will open the season at center.

Leading the defensive line is senior tackle Josh McKibbin. He will be starting for the third consecutive year and has played in all 33 games during his UCF career. McKibbin had 80 tackles last year, including 14 for a loss, and five sacks.

Junior end Elton Patterson had 88 tackles and tied a school record with 19 tackles for a loss. He also led the team with 10 sacks. Sophomore Brent Bolar appeared in all 11 games last year and appears ready to replace Don Page, who quit the team, at the other end position.

The Golden Knights welcome the return of two starting linebackers — seniors Willie Davis and Tito Rodriguez. Rodriguez, who mans the middle, was second nationally with 13.4 tackles per game. Strong-side 'backer Davis is a gifted athlete and spirited performer.

Sophomore Brandon Greenlee will push Davis for playing time. Greenlee played as a true freshman in 1999, but redshirted last season.

Sophomore Antoine Poe will be looked upon to help fill the spot vacated by Tony Hardman, who recorded 96 tackles in 2000.

Cornerback Travis Fisher started all 11 games and had 11 pass break-ups and two picks. Speedy JC transfer Terrence Bell and Asante Samuel will contend for the other corner job.

Senior Ricot Joseph, who led the secondary with 74 tackles, is back as the starter at free safety. Senior Elliot Shorter will spend the entire season at strong safety after starting last year at linebacker.

Senior Javier Beorlegui, who was a semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award, will handle punting and kicking duties again this season. He made 14-of-18 field goal attempts and converted 39-of-40 extra points.

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

WR	16	Jimmy Fryzel (Jr., 2)	36	Jimmy Johnson (Jr., 1)
LT	73	Brian Huff (Jr., 2)		Alex Mendez (Jr., 0)
LG	70	Taylor Robertson (Jr., 2)		Johnovan Morgan (Jr., 0)
C		Mike Mabry (Jr., 0)	77	Travis Muse (Fr., 0)
RG	**66**	**Willie Comerford (Sr., 2)**	78	Garrett McCray (Jr., 2)
RT	**74**	**Steve Edwards (Sr., 1)**	72	John Wimberly (Jr., 2)
TE	**83**	**Mario Jackson (Jr., 2)**	82	Michael Gaines (So., 0)
QB	**17**	**Ryan Schneider (So., 1)**	14	Brian Miller (So., 0)
FB	34	Sean Gaudion (Jr., 2)		Chris Burden (So., 0)
RB	1	Terrance Williams (Sr., 1)	4	Alex Haynes (Fr., 0)
WR	3	Thad Ward (Sr., 2)	19	Tavirus Davis (Sr., 3)

Defense (6)

DE	**97**	**Elton Patterson (Jr., 2)**	47	Boma Ekiyor (Sr., 1)
NT	99	Jake McKibben (Jr., 2)	92	Larry Brown (So., 1)
DT	**95**	**Josh McKibben (Sr., 3)**	94	Thomas Andrews (Jr., 2)
DE	91	Brent Bolar (So., 1)	89	Wanzell Underwood (Jr., 1)
LB	**46**	**Willie Davis (Sr., 2)**	6	Antoine Poe (So., 1)
LB	**44**	**Tito Rodriguez (Sr., 3)**	52	Chris Pilinko (Jr., 1)
LB	18	Elliott Shorter (Sr., 3)	41	Savarris Brown (Fr., 0)
SS	32	Albert Snyder (Sr., 3)	38	Atari Bigby (Fr., 0)
FS	**9**	**Ricot Joseph (Sr., 2)**	29	Jimmy Grimsley (Jr., 0)
CB	**2**	**Travis Fisher (Sr., 2)**		Carlos Thompson (Jr., 0)
CB	28	Asante Samuel (Jr., 2)		Terrence Bell (Jr., 0)

Special Teams

K	39	Javier Beorlegui (Sr., 3)
P	39	Javier Beorlegui (Sr., 3)
KR	28	Asante Samuel (Jr., 2)
PR	28	Asante Samuel (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Mike Kruczek **2000 Record: 7-4**
Florida Citrus Bowl (70,188)

Kansas Jayhawks

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The heat is on coach Terry Allen after four consecutive losing seasons — five for the program overall — and flagging interest, which translates into declining attendance. "I think there is a sense of urgency from all of us right now, from the players to the coaches and administrators," he says.

That sense of urgency is reflected in a recruiting class heavy in junior college transfers and a reshuffling of assistants.

Steve Woltmann

Harrison Hill

Even with the since-departed Dylen Smith at quarterback, the Jayhawks ranked 77th nationally in total offense and 82nd in passing offense, so whoever emerges from a group that includes sophomore Zach Dyer and redshirt freshmen Mario Kinsey and Kevin Long should have some leeway.

> **20** The Jayhawks haven't won a game when scoring fewer than 20 points since a 15–7 victory against Missouri in 1997.

Kinsey isn't as big as the other two but is athletic with a strong arm. Dyer, who has seen only limited action, also is a good athlete, with the ability to play another position. Long showed good run-pass skills in high school; the Jayhawks managed to lure him from Iowa City, Iowa.

Sophomore running back Reggie Duncan, like his predecessor David Winbush, is short but powerful enough to run inside with the speed to get to the outside. Duncan's performance at Nebraska (96 yards on 11 carries) is evidence of his potential. Daniel Coke, another sophomore, is an unknown quantity with virtually no experience.

Replacing Moran Norris at fullback will be a more difficult task. Mitchell Scott has the necessary size but has yet to show he can get the job done.

Seniors Harrison Hill, Termaine Fulton and Roger Ross head up the receiving corps, the team's deepest position. Although often overlooked, Hill is among the most reliable receivers in the conference. He has caught at least one pass in 28 of his last 29 games and has a shot at finishing atop the school career lists in receptions and receiving yards.

Fulton is a big-play receiver, with 17 of 58 career receptions for 25 yards or more and six for 50 yards or more. The diminutive Ross also makes big plays; he scored four touchdowns and averaged 16.6 yards on 29 receptions last season.

Seniors Justin Hartwig and Bob Smith and junior Nick Smith are the returning starters on the offensive line, but all of the line positions are up for grabs.

JC transfers Brock Teddleton, Danny Lewis, Jawad Pearson, John Harvey and Tony Damiani were immediately penciled in near the top on the depth chart. Justin Sands, a converted defensive lineman, also figures in the mix now that he's had a chance to become comfortable with his new position.

Through eight games, Kansas was 40th nationally in total defense. Then came Nebraska, Texas and Iowa State, who gained a combined 1,649 yards, including 1,168 on the ground. "The defensive front got beat toward the latter part of the year," Allen said at season's end.

His assessment didn't apply to everyone. Tackle Ervin Holloman had injury troubles, while Nate Dwyer, a second-team all-conference tackle, held his own. Senior De'Nard Whitfield is quick off the ball and will handle one end, with Travis Watkins among three redshirt freshmen competing for the other starting job.

Senior linebackers Marcus Rogers and Algie Atkinson head up what could be the deepest area on defense, assuming newcomers perform as expected. Rogers, a co-captain for the 2001 season, is athletic and aggressive, as evidenced by his 91 tackles. Atkinson is a proven pass rusher who tied with Dwyer for the team lead in sacks.

Glenn Robinson, who has played primarily on special teams, is still learning. Greg Cole and Leo Etienne, junior college teammates, went through spring practice and are expected to have an immediate impact.

Cornerbacks Andrew Davison and Quincy Roe form the foundation of a secondary in dire need of depth. Roe, the fastest defensive back, broke up 14 passes and intercepted three. Jake Letourneau and Matt Jordan, both of whom began their careers as offensive players, will play strong safety, while redshirt freshmen Leo Bookman and Santana Lane join senior Jamarei Bryant in competition at free safety.

The Jayhawks must show marked improvement in the kicking game if their record is to improve.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE	**1 Harrison Hill (Sr., 3)**	82 J.T. Thompson (So., 1)
LT	61 Justin Sands (Jr., 2)	78 Danny Lewis (Jr., 0)
LG	**53 Bob Smith (Sr., 2)**	66 John Harvey (Jr., 0)
C	**60 Nick Smith (Jr., 2)**	57 Jason Stevenson (Sr., 2)
RG	68 Tony Damiani (Jr., 0)	71 Brock Teddleton (Jr., 0)
RT	**75 Justin Hartwig (Sr., 3)**	70 Gabe Rosalis (Jr., 2)
TE	**88 David Hurst (Jr., 2)**	87 Adrian Jones (So., 1)
FLK	**9 Termaine Fulton (Sr., 3)**	2 Byron Gasaway (Jr., 2)
HB	11 Reggie Duncan (So., 1)	28 Daniel Coke (So., 1)
QB	13 Zach Dyer (So., 1)	14 Mario Kinsey (Fr., 0)
WR	**85 Roger Ross (Sr., 1)**	19 Derick Mills (So., 1)

Defense (7)

LE	67 Travis Watkins (Fr., 0)	58 Clarence Laws (Fr., 0)
LT	**92 Nate Dwyer (Sr., 3)**	99 Tony Strickland (So., 1)
RT	**95 Ervin Holloman (Sr., 1)**	93 Marquis Hayes (Sr., 1)
RE	**94 De'Nard Whitfield (Sr., 1)**	51 Charlie Dennis (Jr., 0)
LB	**98 Algie Atkinson (Sr., 3)**	56 Greg Cole (Jr., 0)
LB	**8 Marcus Rogers (Sr., 3)**	50 Brandon Watkins (Fr., 0)
LB	47 Glenn Robinson (So., 1)	45 Leo Etienne (Jr., 0)
CB	**24 Andrew Davison (Sr., 3)**	36 Johnny McCoy (Fr., 0)
SS	39 Jake Letourneau (Jr., 1)	23 Matt Jordan (Jr., 2)
FS	26 Jamarei Bryant (Sr., 1)	40 Leo Bookman (Fr., 0)
RCB	**7 Quincy Roe (Sr., 3)**	3 Carl Ivey (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	41 Chris Tyrrell (Fr., 0)
P	41 Chris Tyrrell (Fr., 0)
KR	85 Roger Ross (Sr., 1)
PR	85 Roger Ross (Sr., 1)

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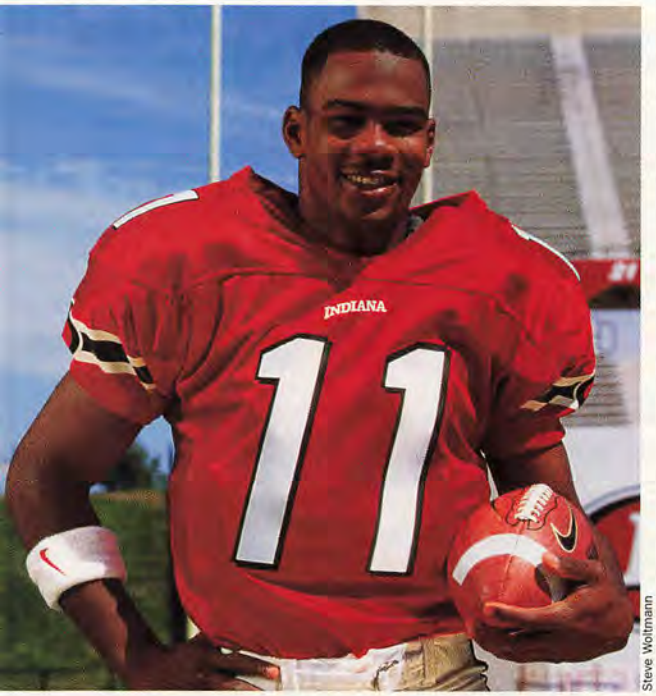
Head Coach: Terry Allen — **2000 Record (Big 12): 5–7 (2–6)**
2001 Prediction: 6th Big 12 North — **Memorial Stadium (50,250)**

Indiana Hoosiers

78

Antwaan Randle El, clearly one of the most exciting players in college football, is being promoted as a Heisman Trophy candidate this fall. But at what position? The one-man-show has started 33 straight games at quarterback for the Hoosiers but moved to receiver in the spring to give Tommy Jones an opportunity to develop. This doesn't mean Randle El's career is over at QB. "We're going to play two quarterbacks," IU coach Cam Cameron says.



Steve Woltmann

Antwaan Randle El

The Hoosiers' problems run deeper than deciding who will run the offense. The defense was among the nation's worst in 2000.

> **2** Indiana has averaged just two conference wins in Cam Cameron's four years as head coach. Cameron is 13–31 overall and 8–24 in Big Ten action.

Quarterback likely will still be a part-time gig for Randle El, a three-year starter who is within 681 yards of becoming Division I's all-time rushing leader as a QB. Part of the thinking is that his professional future will more than likely involve playing wide receiver and returning punts.

Jones is a tall, drop-back quarterback with a strong arm, good mobility and two years of eligibility. He took the bulk of first-team snaps during spring practice. "The bottom line is, we're going to need them both," Cameron says. Randle El will be used in goal-line and short-yardage situations.

The Hoosiers have a triple-threat backfield consisting of Levron Williams, Jeremi Johnson and Brian Lewis. Williams has great hands and works well in the option game. Lewis is young, but the coaching staff has high expectations. Johnson is a versatile starting fullback.

The receiving corps is the area where Cameron is seeking the greatest improvement, because it has considerable talent but lacks experience. The new group must replace Versie Gaddis, Jerry Dorsey and Derin Graham, who accounted for 1,266 of 1,424 yards by receivers last year.

Randle El will play at flanker, and Williams can be used as a receiver. Henry Frazier, Glenn Johnson, L.J. Parker, David Lewis and Travis Haney all will play.

Aaron Halterman and converted defensive end Stephen Anthony will handle tight end duties. Halterman has the speed and skills to be a downfield threat.

Four offensive linemen return from a unit that allowed only nine sacks all season. A.C. Myler returns to start at left tackle; Craig Osika, a former tight end, will start again at center; and Enoch DeMar has moved back to tackle from guard. Anthony Oakley, the strongest player on the team, and Jamarkus Gorman are the guards. Brett Taylor teams with Bobby Brandt to give the Hoosiers remarkable depth at offensive tackle.

The Hoosiers rarely rattled opposing quarterbacks and tied for ninth in the Big Ten with only 18 sacks. Three starting linemen return, but gone is tackle Paul Mandina. Kemp Rasmussen, a captain and starter at end last season, might be moved inside to tackle. Dominique Smith, a 10-game starter at tackle a year ago, also returns.

Sean Nelson, coming back from a shoulder injury, and Derek Barnett are battling for a starting end job, but Barnett should have the edge after starting all 11 games last year. He's big, fast and effective in stopping the run and rushing the passer.

The other end belongs to Steve Williams, who saw action in 10 games at tackle.

Linebacker will be the strength of the Hoosier defense, but depth could be an issue. Justin Smith, a team captain, returns at one outside spot after pacing the Hoosiers in both sacks and tackles for a loss last season. Devin Schaffer added another nine tackles behind the line and is back at the other outside position.

Brandonn Baker started three games at middle linebacker last season and will take over that job this fall.

Things are changing in the secondary. Antonio Watson, a top junior college transfer, will make an immediate impact, probably at free safety. At the corners, Sharrod Wallace will be the leader of the backfield, while Michael Hanley, who sat out last year for academic reasons, is physical and offers solid coverage. Ron Bethel started every game a year ago at free safety, but he has been moved to strong safety.

Kicker Andy Payne is gone, and that's a major loss. Adam Braucher, who handled kickoffs last season, returns; his chief competition for the kicking job is Bryan Robertson. Ryan Hamre returns as the punter. Randle El will add punt returns to his impressive résumé.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE	6	Henry Frazier (Sr.)	88	David Lewis (Fr.)
LT	**62**	**A.C. Myler (Jr.)**	69	Brett Taylor (Jr.)
LG	**61**	**Anthony Oakley (So.)**	65	Matt Genasci (Sr.)
C	**74**	**Craig Osika (Sr.)**	76	Chris Jahnke (Fr.)
RG	55	Jamarkus Gorman (Sr.)	50	Colin Christopher (So.)
RT	**70**	**Enoch DeMar (Jr.)**	**79**	**Bobby Brandt (Jr.)**
TE	87	Aaron Halterman (Fr.)	85	Stephen Anthony (Jr.)
FL	**11**	**Antwaan Randle El (Sr.)**	9	Glenn Johnson (Jr.)
QB	14	Tommy Jones (Jr.)	17	Gibran Hamdan (Jr.)
FB	1	Jeremi Johnson (Jr.)	46	Rob Bouchard (So.)
TB	**5**	**Levron Williams (Sr.)**	3	Brian Lewis (So.)

Defense (7)

LE	**99**	**Derek Barnett (Jr.)**	95	Sean Nelson (Jr.)
LT	**92**	**Kemp Rasmussen (Sr.)**	67	Jamil Frink (Jr.)
RT	**98**	**Dominique Smith (Sr.)**	68	Jason Fryar (Fr.)
RE	64	Steve Williams (So.)	59	Herman Fowler (Jr.)
LB	**27**	**Justin Smith (Sr.)**	58	Darvin Nunn (Fr.)
LB	44	Brandonn Baker (So.)	49	Robert Brown (So.)
LB	**8**	**Devin Schaffer (Sr.)**	48	Kevin Smith (Fr.)
LC	7	Michael Hanley (So.)	31	Rico Lloyd (Fr.)
RC	**22**	**Sharrod Wallace (Sr.)**	23	A.C. Carter (Jr.)
SS	**15**	**Ron Bethel (Jr.)**	25	Joe Gonzalez (Jr.)
FS	2	Antonio Watson (Jr.)	21	Herana Daze-Jones (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	28	Adam Braucher (So.)
P	38	Ryan Hamre (So.)
KR	23	A.C. Carter (Jr.)
PR	11	Antwaan Randle El (Sr.)

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Head Coach: Cam Cameron — **2000 Record (Big Ten): 3–8 (2–6)**
2001 Prediction: 11th Big Ten — **Memorial Stadium (52,354)**

Tulane Green Wave

79

On Tulane's athletic department web site last spring, school officials asked fans their preferred kickoff time for home games at the Louisiana Superdome. What they should have asked for was suggestions on a preferred style of defense.

If anything has held the Green Wave back the past two seasons, it's been a porous defense. In 1999, Tulane ranked last in the nine-team Conference USA in rushing defense, pass efficiency defense, total defense and scoring defense. Last year, the results were only slightly better. Tulane finished eighth in rushing defense and total defense and seventh in pass efficiency defense and scoring defense.

Al Koolstra

Mewelde Moore

453.5 The number of yards Tulane averaged per game in 2000. The figure led C-USA by nearly 63 yards and ranked seventh nationally.

But the improvement, as minor as it might appear, played a role in Tulane improving from 3–8 to 6–5, a turnaround that earned coach Chris Scelfo a contract extension through the 2005 season.

Quarterback Patrick Ramsey passed for a conference-high 2,833 yards last fall. His 24 touchdown passes ranked second to Louisville's Dave Ragone, the league's Offensive Player of the Year. Where Ramsey made significant strides a year ago was cutting down on his interceptions. After being intercepted 24 times in 11 games as a sophomore, he threw only 14 picks in 389 attempts as a junior. Ramsey was held out of spring scrimmages to give backups J.P. Losman and Chris Peterson significant work. Losman, a transfer from UCLA, is more of a running threat.

Running back Mewelde Moore, the C-USA Freshman of the Year, had five 100-yard rushing games and his 890 yards represented the second-highest total among Division I-A freshmen.

Moore, a San Diego Padre minor leaguer, was held out of contact work in the spring to give freshman Jeff Kirven a good look. Brant Hocke has been a valuable reserve.

Receiver Roydell Williams is extremely fast and has great leaping ability and good hands, but he needs to run better routes and improve his blocking skills.

Terrell Harris was the team's second-leading wide receiver a year ago with 64 catches. Zander Robinson, has the speed to stretch defenses.

The Green Wave will lean on center Torie Taulli and right tackle Corey Sewell to improve the ground game. Sewell has started every game in his career. Chrys Bullock, 6'3" and 313 pounds, will start at left tackle.

Defensive tackle Roxie Shelvin is the anchor of a line that desperately needs to become more effective stopping the run. The Green Wave allowed 180 rushing yards per game, ranking next-to-last in the league, while ranking 104th out of 114 Division I-A teams in total defense.

Shelvin and Floyd Dorsey are two of the three returning starters on the line who hope to help the Green Wave reverse the trend.

Strong-side linebacker David Dorsey will be counted on to lead a group of three new linebackers. Dorsey was a one-man turnover machine in a mid-spring scrimmage; he forced two fumbles and recovered three.

Emmanuel Sewell and transfer Nick Simpson were slowed by injuries in the spring. Sewell suffered a hamstring injury and Simpson tore knee ligaments that will likely force him to miss the season.

Simpson, whose speed and athleticism made him a big-play defender, transferred from Oklahoma.

Converted running back Jeff Sanchez appears ready to make an impact at cornerback. He had an outstanding spring, using his speed and quickness to make what should be a successful transition. Sanchez was recruited by Clemson, Texas A&M and SMU out of high school to play defense, but wanted an opportunity to play offense, a request Tulane granted. But Moore's emergence made Sanchez realize his future was brighter as a cornerback, which should be the strength of the secondary. In addition to Sanchez, Jamal Jones is back

Left corner Lynaris Elpheage, a former high school All-America receiver who started as a true freshman, has all-conference potential.

Kicker Seth Marler hit 16-of-21 field goals last year and was the conference's second-leading scorer.

Punter Casey Roussel ranked first in the league with a 44.2-yard average.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR	9	Roydell Williams (So., 1)	16	Chino Fontenette (So., 0)
WR	**22**	**Terrell Harris (Sr., 3)**	80	Chris Bush (Fr., 0)
LT	75	Chrys Bullock (Sr., 3)	61	Derick Bugg (Jr., 2)
LG	62	Brendon Drysdale (So., 1)	60	Seth Zaunbrecher (Jr., 0)
C	**66**	**Torie Taulli (Sr., 3)**	62	Brendon Drysdale (So., 1)
RG	71	Charles Caldwell (Sr., 3)	73	Joe Mitchell (So., 0)
RT	**56**	**Corey Sewell (Sr., 3)**	76	Jimmy Kosienski (Fr., 0)
QB	**7**	**Patrick Ramsey (Sr., 2)**	17	J.P. Losman (So., 1)
RB	**26**	**Mewelde Moore (So., 1)**	28	Jeff Kirven (Fr., 0)
WR	25	James Dunn (So., 1)	11	Derrick Joseph (Jr., 2)
WR	8	Nick Narcisse (So., 0)	86	Zander Robinson (Sr., 3)

Defense (5)

DE	**85**	**Floyd Dorsey (Jr., 2)**	90	Alex Battard (So., 1)
DT	54	Marlon Tickles (Jr., 2)	81	Terence Tarver (So., 1)
DT	**89**	**Roxie Shelvin (Jr., 2)**	96	Lonnie Crayton (So., 1)
DE	44	Glenn Lemoine (Sr., 3)	**91**	**Kenan Blackmon (Jr., 2)**
LB	34	David Dorsey (Sr., 3)	94	Chris Washington (Jr., 0)
LB	40	Daniel Nevil (So., 1)	45	Emmanuel Sewell (So., 1)
LB	41	Wesley Heath (So., 1)	35	David Dunlap (Jr., 0)
SS	18	Terry Fontenot (Jr., 2)	6	Darlvon Bracy (So., 1)
FS	**4**	**Quentin Brown (Jr., 2)**	14	Adrian Mitchell (Jr., 2)
CB	**13**	**Lynaris Elpheage (So., 1)**	20	Trey Godfrey (Jr., 0)
CB	3	Jeff Sanchez (Jr., 2)	2	Jamal Jones (Sr., 3)

Special Teams

K	47	Seth Marler (Jr., 2)
P	36	Casey Roussel (Sr., 2)
KR	86	Zander Robinson (Sr., 3)
PR	13	Lynaris Elpheage (So., 1)

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Head Coach: Chris Scelfo — **2000 Record (C-USA): 6–5 (3–4)**
2001 Prediction: 7th C-USA — **Louisiana Superdome (69,767)**

Utah State Aggies

80

Utah State's football team is going places in 2001 — from coast to coast, covering 15,408 miles. The Aggies, competing as a Division I Independent after the dissolution of the Big West Conference, were forced to be a little more creative when filling out their schedule.

This year, USU will make trips to LSU, South Florida and Connecticut. And since reaching a bowl game is highly unlikely for USU as an independent, second-year coach Mick Dennehy has used the Aggies' more national schedule as a recruiting tool. He says prospects were attracted to playing the likes of LSU and South Florida on the road and Wyoming and Oregon at home.

Utah State SID

Emmett White

578 Running back Emmett White set an NCAA record with 578 all-purpose yards in Utah State's 44–37 win over New Mexico State last year. White led the nation in all-purpose yards.

Jose Fuentes took over the Aggies in the third week of the season and stayed in command, passing for 270 yards per game and 16 touchdowns, compared with eight interceptions. He should keep improving as he grows into Dennehy's offense.

Emmett White was not widely recruited, even in Utah, but no Aggie runner has ever matched his productivity. White rushed for 120 yards per game in 2000, highlighted by his 322-yard night at New Mexico State. White also caught 47 passes. "Can he repeat that? It's going to be really important for us — and for him," Dennehy says.

USU lost Aaron Jones and his 63 receptions, so Chris Stallworth will have to make more of an impact after catching 26 passes as a freshman. Marshall Sanders also is expected to do more after making 13 receptions as a junior college transfer.

Tight ends Casey Poppinga and J.R. Suguturaga should have a bigger impact after combining for 20 receptions.

The Aggies return tackle James Newton and guards Jess Schuck and Jim Walker from a line that allowed only 15 sacks on 425 passing plays. Dennehy expects the line to perform even better, with senior Ed Powell competing with JC transfer Aric Galliano at center and transfer Grant Calverley battling senior Eric Gwilliam at tackle.

The Aggies averaged 386.5 yards and 26.5 points last season and should find themselves in that range again.

USU has plenty of work to do on defense after ranking 110th in the country, allowing 452.4 yards and 32.4 points per game. The secondary took much of the blame, but Dennehy contends the trouble started up front.

He expects the Aggies to be bigger and more physical on the line — even with the same players. End Nate Putnam, who made 14 tackles for loss, and tackle Jorge Tapia should be more formidable as sophomores. Senior Nick Onaindia will return at end after being sidelined with a shoulder injury in the third game. USU is still questionable at the other tackle spot, with junior Liua Fonua a top candidate.

USU lost all three starting linebackers, but Dennehy says Tony Newson, who missed the season with a shoulder injury, is probably better than any of them.

Newson made 10 tackles per game in 1999. Jesse Busta made an impact as a starter in four games. The other outside position features competition between junior Ryan Solomona and sophomore Rodney Wilson.

Aggie opponents passed for almost as many yards as USU did, which is saying something. The Aggie secondary frequently gave up those yards in big chunks, such as when Arizona State completed only 12 passes but amassed 374 yards.

Besides saying the pass rush must be more forceful, Dennehy says his coaches will do more to protect the secondary. "We're still going to have to pressure people, but we'll try to take some heat off those guys," he says.

Until they prove something, though, returning starters Ade Jimoh and Tony Walker at cornerback and Jamar Glasper and Derrek Shank at safety have to be considered liabilities as much as strengths.

Steve Mullins, a former quarterback, averaged 41.4 yards as a punter. The Aggies will miss Brad Bohn, who handled the placekicking for four seasons and left with 13 school records. Dane Kidman was the team's only kicker in the spring, but freshman Ben Chaet will arrive in August.

White averaged 8.7 yards per punt return and 24.1 yards on kickoff returns.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR	5 Marshall Sanders (Sr., 1)	46 Jason Deml (So., 1)
LT	**79 Jim Newton (Jr., 2)**	59 Aric Galliano (Jr., 0)
LG	**67 Jess Schuck (Sr., 3)**	77 Jason Green (Fr., 0)
C	52 Ed Powell (Sr., 1)	59 Aric Galliano (Jr., 0)
RG	**72 Jim Walker (Sr., 1)**	78 Luis Trujillo (Jr., 1)
RT	74 Grant Calverley (Jr., 0)	76 Eric Gwilliam (Sr., 1)
TE	**81 Casey Poppinga (Jr., 1)**	86 J.R. Suguturaga (Sr., 1)
QB	**13 Jose Fuentes (Jr., 1)**	7 Jeff Crosbie (Jr., 2)
FB	31 John Roberts (Sr., 3)	41 Joe Solosabal (Sr., 3)
RB	**32 Emmett White (Sr., 3)**	39 David Fiefia (So., 1)
WR	**15 Chris Stallworth (So., 1)**	Kevin Curtis (Jr., 0)

Defense (7)

DE	51 Nick Onaindia (Sr., 1)	64 Tyler Olsen (Jr., 1)
DT	**73 Jorge Tapia (So., 1)**	97 Ty Cahoon (Fr., 0)
DT	98 Liua Fonua (Jr., 1)	Jeremy Guenter (Fr., 0)
DE	**91 Nate Putnam (So., 1)**	**96 Ryan Duncan (Sr., 3)**
Hero	56 Jesse Busta (Jr., 2)	30 Robert Watts (Fr., 0)
LB	19 Tony Newson (Sr., 3)	45 Scott Hunt (So., 1)
Mac	55 Ryan Solomona (Jr., 1)	49 Rodney Wilson (So., 1)
SS	**4 Jamar Glasper (Jr., 2)**	21 Nathan Barber (Sr., 1)
FS	**25 Derrek Shank (So., 1)**	24 Aminifu Johnson (Jr., 2)
CB	**10 Ade Jimoh (Jr., 2)**	20 Jerome Dennis (Fr., 0)
CB	**1 Tony Walker (Sr., 3)**	25 Derrek Shank (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	87 Dane Kidman (Jr., 0)
P	12 Steve Mullins (Jr., 2)
KR	32 Emmett White (Sr., 3)
PR	32 Emmett White (Sr., 3)

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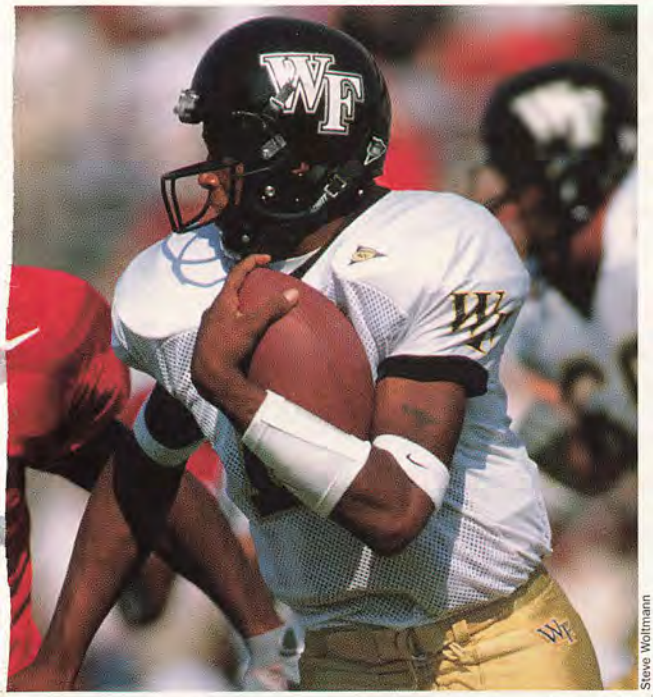
Head Coach: Mick Dennehy **2000 Record (Big West): 5-6 (4-1)**
Romney Stadium (30,257)

Wake Forest Demon Deacons

81

Jim Grobe knew what he was getting himself into when he decided to leave Ohio University to take over at Wake Forest. There are easier places to be successful.

Wake Forest is among the smallest Division I schools in the country. Its football success has been spotty, and every fall Florida State, Clemson and Georgia Tech, among others, are locked into the Deacons' schedule.



Steve Woltmann

Anthony Young

That didn't scare Grobe, who inherited an Ohio program that had gone 0–11 the season before he arrived in 1995. In two seasons, he had the Bobcats at .500 and in just his third season OU posted an eight-win season.

"We've been doing this for a while," says Grobe of the rebuilding job. "I think we can find the kind of kids who can come here and win. It may take a while but we'll get it done. It's better than it was at Ohio."

> Jim Grobe brought eight members of his coaching staff at Ohio to Wake Forest.

The Deacons used both Anthony Young and James MacPherson under center, taking advantage of their distinctly different styles. That may change this fall. Young is a more explosive runner who may thrive under Grobe. He led all ACC freshmen in rushing last season and completed 60 percent of his passes.

If there's been a secret to Grobe's success through the years, it's been his reliance on an effective ground game. Last season, Grobe's Ohio team ranked second nationally in rushing (323 yards per game), trailing only Nebraska.

Tarence Williams showed in the second half of last season that he can be a productive runner. He led Wake Forest with 661 rushing yards and topped the 100-yard mark against Georgia Tech and Duke.

Fullback Ovie Mughelli is a strong blocker who can clear a path for the Deacon tailbacks.

Wake return both starting wideouts from last season — Ira Williams and Fabian Davis. John Stone, a key reserve last season and the Deacons' top return specialist, will push Davis for a starting position.

Tight end is a strength for the Deacons, who use a pair of Canadians — Ray Thomas and Mark Moroz — at the position.

The Deacons have talent along their offensive front. Guard Michael Collins and center Vince Azzolina are considered all-conference candidates while guard Michael Moosbrugger is a steady presence along the front. Staying healthy is critical to the Deacons' line, however, given their lack of depth up front.

One of Grobe's most significant immediate changes is shifting the Deacons to a 3-4 defensive scheme from the 4-3 favored by his predecessor, figuring it's easier to find six solid defensive linemen than eight. "We did it at Ohio and Air Force and it helped us with depth because we try to play two groups of linemen as much as possible," Grobe says.

With outstanding pass-rushing end Bryan Ray having graduated, the Deacons are thin up front. Calvin Pace will step into Ray's spot while Chad Rebar will likely be the starting nose guard.

Roderick Stephen and Nathan Bolling, a returning starter at defensive tackle, will battle at the other end spot.

The Deacons had only three inside linebackers during the spring. Depth is a problem. On the bright side, if the Deacons stay healthy, linebacker could be a strength.

Ed Kargbookorogie is a fixture at outside linebacker while Marquis Hopkins is an emerging star. He had 100 tackles last season, and the shift to 3-4 could make Hopkins more of a force.

Kellen Brantley and R.D. Montgomery emerged from spring as the other two starters in the linebacking corps.

The Deacons are blessed with experience in the secondary. Cornerback Quintin Williams, who was a co-leader for the Deacons with two interceptions last year, established himself as a starter three games into his freshman season. Marcus McGruder will be the other cornerback.

Michael Clinkscale and Obi Chukwumah are the safeties. Clinkscale made nine starts and recorded 47 tackles in 2000.

The Deacons would like to give kicker Tyler Ashe more opportunities to score this fall. He made only five field goals, in part because the Deacons attempted only 10.

Matt Brennie, gives Grobe a reliable punter who averaged 42 yards per punt last season.

Stone earned honorable mention all-conference honors last season as a return specialist. He has gamebreaking return ability.

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR	**81**	**Ira Williams (Sr., 3)**	15	Jax Landfried (Sr., 2)
LT	77	Tyson Clabo (So., 1)	69	Jonathan Helms (Jr., 0)
LG	**79**	**Michael Collins (Sr., 3)**	63	Seth Houk (Sr., 1)
C	**53**	**Vince Azzolina (Sr., 3)**	76	Blake Lingruen (Fr., 0)
RG	**75**	**Michael Moosbrugger (Sr., 2)**	59	Brian Woychik (Fr., 0)
RT	55	Tim Bennett (Jr., 2)	84	Mark Moroz (So., 1)
TE	**89**	**Ray Thomas (Jr., 2)**	86	Josh Warren (So., 0)
QB	13	Anthony Young (So., 1)	11	James MacPherson (Jr., 2)
FB	**32**	**Ovie Mughelli (Jr., 2)**	40	Trevor Harris (Fr., 0)
RB	**18**	**Tarence Williams (Jr., 2)**	6	Jamie Scott (Jr., 2)
WR	2	John Stone (Sr., 3)	**21**	**Fabian Davis (Jr., 2)**

Defense (6)

DE	**93**	**Calvin Pace (Jr., 2)**	95	Joe Salsich (Fr., 0)
DT	51	Chad Rebar (So., 1)	58	Masanori Toguchi (Jr., 2)
DE	90	Roderick Stephen (Jr., 2)	**99**	**Nathan Bolling (Sr., 3)**
LB	**25**	**Ed Kargbookorogie (Sr., 3)**	38	Jack Yates (So., 0)
LB	97	R.D. Montgomery (Fr., 0)	44	Jarrett Heard (Fr., 0)
LB	17	Kellen Brantley (So., 1)	34	Dion Williams (So., 0)
LB	**52**	**Marquis Hopkins (Sr., 3)**	45	Brad White (Fr., 0)
SS	14	Obi Chukwumah (So., 1)	29	Walter Simmons (Jr., 2)
FS	**9**	**Michael Clinkscale (Sr., 3)**	27	Warren Braxton (Fr., 0)
CB	**22**	**Quintin Williams (So., 1)**	10	Eric King (Fr., 0)
CB	20	Marcus McGruder (Fr., 0)	24	Ricky Perez (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	98	Tyler Ashe (Sr., 3)
P	37	Matt Brennie (Jr., 2)
KR	2	John Stone (Sr., 3)
PR	21	Fabian Davis (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Jim Grobe — 2000 Record (ACC): 2–9 (1–7)
2001 Prediction: 8th ACC — Groves Stadium (31,500)

Miami RedHawks

82

Terry Hoeppner knows exactly what he wants. The third-year head coach wants to bring a Mid-American Conference championship back to Miami University for the first time since 1986.

The RedHawks claimed 12 of the first 31 MAC championships, but have won the league crown just once in the past 23 seasons. And Hoeppner, an assistant on the '86 title team, says it's time for Miami to re-emerge as the dominant program in the MAC.

Miami of Ohio SID

Jason Branch

"My goal remains the same — to win a Mid-American Conference championship," Hoeppner says. "I was a part of Miami's last conference championship team, and I want to get our program back to that level. That is the mission of our 105 players. We will not be satisfied until we earn a berth in the MAC championship game, and then win it."

12 Miami plays 12 regular-season games this year, the most in school history. The RedHawks earned the extra game with the addition of Hawaii to their schedule. Games played outside the continental U.S. are considered exempt.

Mike Bath, a three-year starter and the school's all-time leading passer, will be sorely missed.

Redshirt freshman Ben Roethlisberger and sophomore Ryan Hawk were both decorated high school recruits, but neither player has completed a pass at the collegiate level. Hawk appeared in two games as a true freshman and attempted three passes, one of which was intercepted.

Roethlisberger and Hawk will be tutored by first-year offensive coordinator Shane Montgomery.

Miami's running game is on solid ground thanks to Steve Little and Cal Murray, the RedHawks' top two rushers in 2000. Little was slowed by some nagging injuries last season, but still managed to rush for 986 yards and eight touchdowns in 10 games. Murray, also hobbled by injury, finished with 338 yards and five touchdowns.

Two of last year's top four receivers are back in juniors Eddie Tillitz and Jason Branch. Tillitz caught 39 passes for 387 yards and one touchdown. Branch, one of last year's most improved players, averaged 70.2 yards over the final five games, including a five-catch, 143-yard effort against Ohio.

Juniors Chauncey Henry and Randy Stegman will help out, along with sophomore Korey Kirkpatrick.

Senior Robert Frazier (one catch, three yards) is the only returning tight end with any experience.

Hoeppner expects the offensive line to be one of the team's strengths this season. Sophomore Jacob Bell will move from right tackle to left tackle. Bell's vacated position will be occupied by either sophomore Ben Herrell or freshman Zac Elcess.

Paul Thaler, a senior who started the final four games last season, returns at center. Phil Hawk and Joe Costello, who combined for 20 starts in 2000, will hold down the two guard spots.

Junior defensive tackle Ryan Terry and senior end Bob Petrovic started all 11 games last fall. Terry earned second-team All-MAC honors, while Petrovic recorded 53 tackles and a team-best 11 quarterback hurries.

Junior Kurt Mester and sophomore Phil Smith are battling for one end spot, while senior Gino DiGiandomenico hopes to earn the start next to Terry at tackle.

Linebackers Matt Robillard, Terrell Jones and Nate Clayton are listed as the starters. Clayton was beset with injuries in 2000, and more is expected of him this year.

Jones finished runner-up for MAC Freshman of the Year honors. Eddie Price, also slowed by injury late in the season, finished with 73 tackles in nine games.

Junior Milt Bowen will play strong safety after playing cornerback last season. Another veteran expected back is senior cornerback Michael Adams. Redshirt freshman Matt Pusateri has the inside track to start at free safety. The other cornerback spot will not be settled until fall camp.

Sophomore Andy Brumbergs will once again handle the kicking duties. Walk-on Michael Wafzig is expected to replace punter Kent McCullough.

The RedHawks have two solid return men in Tillitz and Bowen. Tillitz ended the nation's longest string of games without a punt return for a touchdown when he returned two for scores against Eastern Michigan last year.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR	81 Randy Stegman (Jr., 1)	13 Chauncey Henry (Jr., 2)
LT	**74 Jacob Bell (So., 1)**	61 Dave Rehker (Fr., 0)
LG	78 Joe Costello (Sr., 3)	63 Justin Smith (Jr., 0)
C	**77 Paul Thaler (Sr., 3)**	54 Frank Smith (So., 0)
RG	**73 Phil Hawk (Sr., 3)**	60 Dan Kosta (So., 0)
RT	71 Ben Herrell (So., 0)	55 Zac Elcess (Fr., 0)
TE	84 Robert Frazier (Sr., 3)	87 Matt Brandt (So., 0)
QB	7 Ben Roethlisberger (Fr., 0)	12 Ryan Hawk (So., 0)
FB	**32 Julian Goodman (Sr., 3)**	39 Andy Capper (Fr., 0)
RB	**25 Steve Little (Sr., 3)**	43 Cal Murray (So., 1)
FL	80 Jason Branch (Jr., 2)	4 Eddie Tillitz (Jr., 1)

Defense (5)

DE	**92 Bob Petrovic (Sr., 3)**	58 Kurt Mester (Jr., 2)
DT	96 Gino DiGiandomenico (Sr., 3)	52 Will Rueff (Fr., 0)
DT	**56 Ryan Terry (Jr., 2)**	95 Adam Ward (So., 0)
DE	57 Phil Smith (So., 1)	47 Jeremy Thompson (Fr., 0)
LB	**17 Matt Robillard (Jr., 2)**	29 James Sterling (So., 1)
LB	**3 Terrell Jones (So., 1)**	51 Cortt Cousino (Jr., 2)
LB	45 Nate Clayton (So., 1)	24 Chuck Ogdan (So., 0)
SS	**18 Milt Bowen (Jr., 2)**	7 Rod Clark (Sr., 3)
FS	19 Matt Pusateri (Fr., 0)	20 Van Monroe (Fr., 0)
CB	31 Paul Tripp (Jr., 0)	9 Alphonso Hodge (Fr., 0)
CB	1 Michael Adams (Sr., 3)	9 Alphonso Hodge (Fr., 0)

Special Teams

K	36 Andy Brumbergs (Jr., 2)
P	99 Michael Wafzig (Fr., 0)
KR	18 Milt Bowen (Jr., 2)
PR	4 Eddie Tillitz (Jr., 1)

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Head Coach: Terry Hoeppner — **2000 Record (MAC): 6–5 (5–3)**
2001 Prediction: 3rd MAC East — **Yager Stadium (30,012)**

Washington State Cougars

83

When Arizona coach Dick Tomey submitted his resignation following the 2000 season, Washington State's Mike Price became the dean of Pac-10 coaches — by a mile. No other league coach is within five years of Price, who took the job in 1989 and has led the Cougars to three bowl games.

There is a faction of WSU fans which

Peter Brouillet

Marcus Trufant

believes Price could be wearing out his welcome. They loved him when he took the Cougars to the 1998 Rose Bowl — the school's first trip to Pasadena in 67 years — but they don't much like the fact that the Cougars have won a mere three Pac-10 Conference games since that glorious trip to Pasadena.

115 The Cougars look to be more disciplined in 2001 after threatening the school record with 115 penalties in 2000.

If a controversy can be averted, Washington State could have the healthiest quarterback situation in the Pac-10. Junior Jason Gesser, a nimble athlete who uses his legs as much as his arm, suffered a broken leg last November, ending a season of steady progress. Gesser led the Pac-10 in passing efficiency. He should be completely healthy, and according to Price, the clear-cut No. 1.

But sophomore Matt Kegel, a rangy pro-style passer and the first cousin of former Cougar All-American Ryan Leaf, begs to differ. Kegel beat USC in Los Angeles in his first college start after Gesser went down. Gesser knows the offense better than Kegel does, but Kegel is on a personal mission to pick up where he left off last year.

The running back picture could be drastically different come fall. Dave Minnich performed admirably last year, with 754 yards and a 4.6-yard average. He was so good, in fact, that playing time diminished for 1999 freshman flash Deon Burnett, who left the team at the end of the 2000 season.

Now comes another freshman standout — WSU hopes. The Cougars recruited Dwayne Wright, a highly touted running back from San Diego, and they see immediate playing time for him. The hitch is, at press time, he had yet to attain a qualifying freshman-eligible test score.

Catching the ball could be a problem for the Cougars; the position is heavily dependent on unproven players.

Nakoa McElrath, who turned five of his 14 catches into touchdowns, needs to emerge. The slot receivers — Collin Henderson and Curtis Nettles — are good-hands guys who will go over the middle, but they both lack breakaway speed. The most interesting news in the spring was the addition of 6'6" Mike Bush, the leading scorer and rebounder on the WSU basketball team.

If you want to bring a smile to the offensive coaches at WSU, mention the line. They believe it eventually could be the best in Price's tenure at the school.

Josh Parrish and Alaska native Phil Locker have a hold on the tackle spots. The center is Tyler Hunt and the guards will be Derrick Roche and either Joey Hollenbeck or Billy Knotts. Parrish and Roche, in particular, are mobile types who can pull and clear paths downfield.

More than any other unit, the defensive line might hold the key to WSU's shot at playing past November. Fred Shavies has one end spot in hand, while Tupo Tuupo and D.D. Acholonu will duel for the other spot. Rien Long has a grip on one tackle, with Tomasi Kongaika, Ing Aleaga and Jeremey Williams vying for time at the other.

There is excellent speed at linebacker, with Curtis Holden, James Price, Raonall Smith and Melvin Simmons. Price started 10 games last season, but will most likely surrender his spot to Holden. Price, Smith and Simmons combined for 27 tackles for a loss a year ago. And with an extra body on hand, it's possible one of the linebackers will move to a defensive end spot to provide a more potent pass rush.

The healthy return of safety Lamont Thompson, who missed the 2000 season with a mysterious neck injury, would give the Cougars a good secondary. Junior cornerback Marcus Trufant, a starter for two years, covers well and had three interceptions last year. Strong safety Billy Newman had 100 tackles to lead the team and added four interceptions. Jason David and Virgil Williams will vie for the other corner spot, and Erik Coleman gets the free safety spot if Thompson is unable to play.

Alan Cox is back as the Cougar punter. Freshman Graham Siderius could be the answer to WSU's kicking woes from 2000.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE	81	Nakoa McElrath (Sr., 1)	39	Scott Lunde (So., 1)
LT	**50**	**Josh Parrish (So., 1)**	78	Gerald Cook (Jr., 0)
LG	66	Joey Hollenbeck (Sr., 3)	71	Billy Knotts (So., 1)
C	**52**	**Tyler Hunt (Jr., 1)**	65	Brian Hollenberg (Jr., 0)
RG	**77**	**Derrick Roche (Jr., 2)**	71	Billy Knotts (So., 1)
RT	**69**	**Phil Locker (Jr., 2)**	75	Sam Lightbody (Fr., 0)
TE	**84**	**Russell Mizin (Jr., 2)**	89	Mark Baldwin (Sr., 1)
SB	**83**	**Collin Henderson (Jr., 2)**	18	Curtis Nettles (Jr., 2)
QB	**17**	**Jason Gesser (Jr., 2)**	4	Matt Kegel (So., 1)
RB	34	Dave Minnich (Sr., 1)	33	Jeremy Thielbahr (Sr., 3)
FL	13	Jason White (Sr., 1)	80	Adam Davis (Sr., 1)

Defense (7)

DE	51	Tupo Tuupo (Sr., 3)	58	D.D. Acholonu (Fr., 1)
DT	88	Rien Long (So., 1)	95	Jeremey Williams (So., 1)
DT	**56**	**Tomasi Kongaika (Jr., 2)**	90	Ing Aleaga (Jr., 2)
DE	**6**	**Fred Shavies (Jr., 2)**	9	Isaac Brown (So., 1)
LB	**31**	**Melvin Simmons (Jr., 2)**	57	Serign Marong (Sr., 3)
LB	1	Curtis Holden (Sr., 1)	**5**	**James Price (Sr., 3)**
LB	**30**	**Raonall Smith (Sr., 3)**	60	Aaron Wagner (So., 1)
SS	**10**	**Billy Newman (Sr., 3)**	12	Ira Davis (So., 1)
FS	19	Lamont Thompson (Sr., 3)	27	Erik Coleman (So., 1)
CB	**45**	**Marcus Trufant (Jr., 2)**	2	Mike Freeman (Sr., 1)
CB	29	Jason David (So., 1)	24	Virgil Williams (Jr., 1)

Special Teams

K		Graham Siderius (Fr., 0)
P	87	Alan Cox (Sr., 1)
KR	18	Curtis Nettles (Jr., 2)
PR	83	Collin Henderson (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Mike Price — **2000 Record (Pac-10): 4–7 (2–6)**
2001 Prediction: 10th Pac-10 — **Martin Stadium (37,600)**

Utah Utes

84

The Utes could have won virtually every game in 2000, yet finished 4–7 to match the worst record of coach Ron McBride's 11 seasons. The question hovering over the Utes in 2001 is whether that was an aberration or a sign of decline. McBride is convinced that a new offensive scheme and coaching staff, coupled with a rising talent level, will lift the Utes back into Mountain West title contention.

Matt Brown

Garrett Smith

Quarterback Lance Rice tried hard to salvage Utah's season, winning consecutive November starts, but he could not rally the Utes as a reliever in a 10–3 loss at New Mexico and was pulled from the loss to BYU. Rice established himself as a good leader after rising from the third string, but he lacks the pure talent of redshirt freshman Brett Elliott and sophomore Ryan Breska, a Purdue transfer.

> **-11** The Utes ranked last in the MWC with minus-11 turnovers. It's correctable and could make a difference in the outcome of close games.

Elliott is known for reading defenses and having a nice touch, while Breska has the strongest arm of the three and is a student of the game. They will work under coordinator Craig Ver Steeg, who came from Illinois.

Utah is loaded at running back. Adam Tate gained 660 yards in nine games, and Dameon Hunter added 339 yards.

One of the mysteries of last season was former offensive coordinator Tommy Lee's failure to make better use of receiver Steve Smith, who starred in postseason all-star games. With Smith gone, Ver Steeg intends to spread the ball around to all five eligible receivers. Cliff Russell returns as Utah's leading receiver, having caught 37 passes in eight games. Timed at 4.25 in the 40, he's advertised as the fastest Ute in at least 20 years.

Josh Lyman and Dennis Smith made progress in the spring, and junior college transfers Paris Jackson and Devin Houston will arrive in August.

Tight end Michael Richardson is expected to wear No. 90 all the time this season. Richardson frequently switched to No. 56 last year when he started six games at guard, two at center and one at tight end.

Utah returns seven offensive linemen with starting experience. Center Steve McKane and guard Sam White are both expected to receive an extra year of eligibility after missing most of the 2000 season with knee injuries. They join tackles Jordan Gross and Doug Kaufusi.

Center Dustin McQuivey and tackle Kevin Wilson combined for nine starts last season and provide depth. A more cohesive line should help the Utes rush for more than last year's 133 yards per game.

Except for letting BYU off the hook in the season's final minutes, Utah's defense was outstanding in 2000. The Utes allowed only 288.3 yards and 18.8 points per game with a conservative, consistent approach, although they forced only 14 turnovers.

Utah should dominate up front again. Tackle Garrett Smith recorded 10 sacks. End Jason Kaufusi added eight sacks and shared the Mountain West Freshman of the Year award. Assuming Ma'ake Kemoeatu's appeal for an extra year of eligibility is successful, he will move from nose guard to end, leaving senior Lauvale Sape to step in at nose guard. Watch also for Kasey Jackson, who arrived at Utah after stops at Hawaii and California.

Sheldon Deckart was second on the team in tackles as a middle linebacker, and now he's moving to rover, the position designed to make the most plays in the Ute defense. Former walk-on CR Dwinell is an aggressive player who becomes the middle linebacker. Brooks Bahr and Stan Moleni, a BYU transfer who was sidelined by an Achilles injury, are competing for the other spot.

Unlike the front seven, the Ute secondary is unsettled. Arnold Parker, now stationed at strong safety, is the lone fixture. Anthony White will have the first shot at free safety. At the corners, the prime candidates are Yohance Scott and Airabin Justin, with redshirt freshman Bo Nagahi the probable nickel back.

Utah will use five and six defensive backs regularly, so players such as converted running back D'Shaun Crockett and junior college transfer Antwoine Sanders will have their chances to play.

Golden Whetman was inconsistent at best as a punter and placekicker last season, even though he made a 55-yard field goal against Wyoming. Ryan Kaneshiro replaced Whetman as the kicker and made six-of-eight attempts, although the longest was only 40 yards.

Whetman, who punted for a 38.6-yard average, will compete with transfer Brian Lewis, who averaged 41.9 yards as an Oklahoma freshman in 1995.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

XR	27	Josh Lyman (Jr., 1)	12	Justin Walterscheid (Fr., 0)
LT	**59**	**Doug Kaufusi (Sr., 3)**	62	Sean Souza (So., 1)
LG	**75**	**Ed Ta'amu (Sr., 2)**	60	Sione Pouha (Fr., 0)
C	66	Steve McKane (Sr., 3)	53	Dustin McQuivey (So., 1)
RG	50	Sam White (Sr., 3)	72	Tevita Vakalahi (Jr., 0)
RT	**69**	**Jordan Gross (Jr., 2)**	61	Kevin Wilson (Sr., 2)
TE	**90**	**Michael Richardson (Sr., 3)**	81	Scott Price (Sr., 3)
ZR	**1**	**Cliff Russell (Sr., 3)**	23	Dennis Smith (Sr., 1)
QB	16	Lance Rice (So., 1)	4	Brett Elliott (Fr., 0)
FB	6	Thomas Fortune (Sr., 3)	44	Tommy Hackenbruck (Fr., 0)
RB	**5**	**Adam Tate (Sr., 1)**	28	Dameon Hunter (Sr., 1)

Defense (4)

LE	**98**	**Ma'ake Kemoeatu (Sr., 3)**	73	Josh Savage (So., 1)
NG	97	Lauvale Sape (Sr., 2)	55	Kasey Jackson (Jr., 0)
T	**63**	**Garrett Smith (Jr., 2)**	94	Steve Fifita (Fr., 0)
RE	**86**	**Jason Kaufusi (So., 1)**	52	Marcus Jones (Jr., 2)
SLB	51	Brooks Bahr (Jr., 1)	36	Stan Moleni (Sr., 0)
MLB	49	CR Dwinell (Sr., 1)	39	Zach Tune (Fr., 0)
Rov	**54**	**Sheldon Deckart (Jr., 2)**	43	Jeremy Lyman (Jr., 1)
LC	20	Airabin Justin (Jr., 1)	32	D'Shaun Crockett (Jr., 2)
RC	21	Yohance Scott (Sr., 1)	31	Desmond Davis (Jr., 1)
SS	17	Arnold Parker (So., 1)	48	Joey Bolinger (Fr., 0)
FS	10	Anthony White (So., 1)	4	Antwoine Sanders (So., 0)

Special Teams

K	27	Ryan Kaneshiro (Sr., 2)
P	11	Golden Whetman (Sr., 2)
KR	32	D'Shaun Crockett (Jr., 2)
PR	22	Bo Nagahi (Fr., 0)

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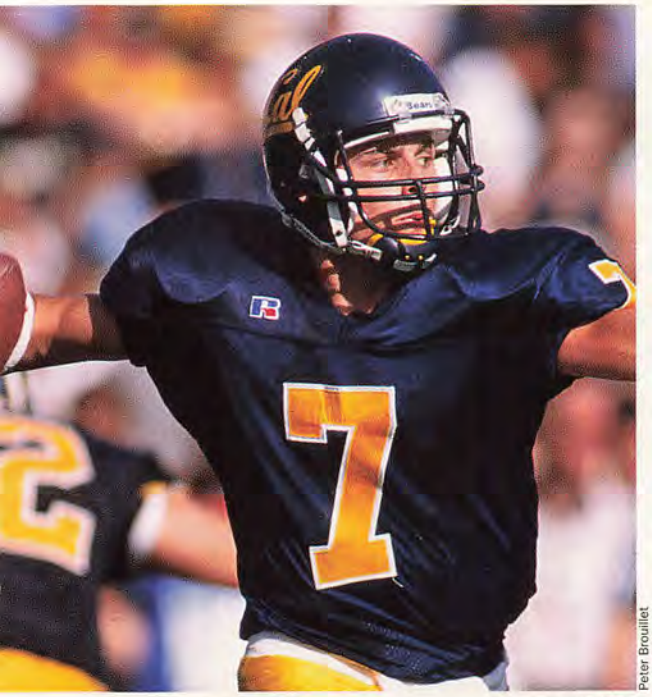
Head Coach: Ron McBride — **2000 Record (MWC): 4–7 (3–4)**
2001 Prediction: 6th MWC — **Rice-Eccles Stadium (45,634)**

California Golden Bears

85

Fifth-year California coach Tom Holmoe desperately needs his first winning season, and he is depending on new offensive coordinator Al Borges to deliver it. Fierce on defense the past three years, the Bears must score more points if they hope to reach a bowl game.

"We need to bring the offense up to where it needs to be to win Pac-10 games," says Holmoe. "We don't want to lose 14–10 anymore."



Peter Brouillet

Kyle Boller

California paid good money to get Borges, the former UCLA offensive coordinator who is Holmoe's third coordinator in four seasons. The Bears have more than enough experienced offensive talent for Borges to get the job done.

> **6** The number of consecutive losses to archrival Stanford. It has left a sour taste at the end of every season and has understandably brought criticism to Holmoe from the Cal alumni and fans.

Junior Kyle Boller, the starting quarterback since the third game of his freshman season, improved significantly over the latter half of the 2000 campaign. Cal hopes Borges' tutoring will elevate Boller to the elite level that was predicted for the former *Parade* All-American. Boller's arm strength has never been questioned, and his decision-making and scrambling ability were better in the final six games last season. But he still needs to cut down on interceptions, add some touch to his passes and get his completion percentage up over 50 percent.

Tiny tailback Joe Igber shoots for the big play every time he touches the ball, but his shifty moves sometimes result in a loss of yardage. The Cal coaches can live with those losses because Igber has the ability to produce some game-breaking runs. The other two tailbacks, Joseph Echema and Saleem Muhammad, are more straight-ahead power runners who help get the tough third-down yardage.

Marcus Fields is a converted tailback playing fullback. The lanky Fields offers versatility as a receiver and runner.

A weakness the past few years, the wide receiver position should finally be a strength. There is no real standout, but there are six or seven players who are more than capable. Derek Swafford, a 26-year-old junior who played professional baseball, powerful Geoff McArthur and elusive Charon Arnold could be the deep threats.

The tight end position is critical in Cal's new offensive scheme. Terrance Dotsy, who approached 300 pounds at times last season, could be a run-blocker, but the Bears are still searching for a tight end who can catch.

The Bears welcome back three offensive line starters. Center Brandon Ludwig, who has moved over from guard, is the best of the group, but huge tackle Langston Walker and guard Scott Tercero have all-conference potential. Tackle Mark Wilson and guard Nolan Bluntzer are the other two starters on a line that will have to improve its pass protection.

With the loss of all-conference players Andre Carter at end and Jacob Waasdorp at tackle, the Bears' defensive line will not be as strong this fall. The Bears will no longer scare opponents with their pass rush. Promising freshman Lorenzo Alexander will get playing time inside, along with Daniel Nwangwu, Josh Beckham, and Jonathan Giesel.

Tully Banta-Cain will get the first crack at the rush end spot, and the Bears are hoping for a big bonus from Jamaal Cherry, a former linebacker who has returned to the team after a year's absence.

Outside linebacker Scott Fujita is the team's best defender. The Bears' inside linebackers, Matt Nixon and John Klotsche, are always in position to make a play.

Holmoe is hoping cornerback Jemeel Powell's outstanding showing in the final few games of the 2000 season was not a fluke and that LaShaun Ward will begin to be the big-play performer his skills suggest he can be.

By the end of last season, Nnamdi Asomugha was developing into a star at free safety. Bert Watts is consistent, if not spectacular, at strong safety.

With Mark Jensen showing improvement last season, Cal's placekicking should be solid. A bigger problem is punting. Jeremy Hershey, recruited as a placekicker, will battle Tyler Fredrickson for the job.

Powell emerged as one of the most dangerous punt returners in the nation. He had an 83-yard return for a touchdown against USC and set a school record with an 18.2-yard average.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR	11	Derek Swafford (Jr., 1)	3	Charon Arnold (Sr., 1)
LT	66	Langston Walker (Sr., 3)	53	Derek Joyce (Fr., 0)
LG	74	Nolan Bluntzer (So., 1)	78	Chris Murphy (So., 1)
C	**65**	**Brandon Ludwig (Sr., 3)**	69	Ryan Jones (Jr., 0)
RG	**64**	**Scott Tercero (Jr., 2)**	77	Derek Deutsch (So., 1)
RT	**63**	**Mark Wilson (So., 1)**	71	Nofoaalii Tuitama (Sr., 1)
TE	84	Terrance Dotsy (Jr., 1)	82	Tom Swoboda (Jr., 2)
WR	**83**	**Geoff McArthur (So., 1)**	**81**	**Chase Lyman (So., 1)**
QB	**7**	**Kyle Boller (Jr., 2)**	1	Eric Holtfreter (Sr., 1)
FB	4	Marcus Fields (Sr., 3)	41	Ryan Stanger (Jr.., 2)
TB	**30**	**Joe Igber (Jr., 2)**	18	Joseph Echema (Jr., 2)

Defense (8)

LE	**48**	**Tully Banta-Cain (Jr., 2)**	46	Tom Canada (Jr., 0)
NT	92	Daniel Nwangwu (Jr., 2)		Lorenzo Alexander (Fr., 0)
DT	**57**	**Josh Beckham (So., 1)**	93	Jonathan Giesel (Fr., 0)
RE	95	Tosh Lupoi (Fr., 0)	43	Jamaal Cherry (Jr., 2)
OLB	**49**	**Scott Fujita (Sr., 3)**	50	Marcus Daniels (Jr., 1)
ILB	**56**	**John Klotsche (Jr., 2)**	55	J.P. Segura (Sr., 2)
ILB	**47**	**Matt Nixon (Jr., 2)**	45	Chris Ball (Sr., 1)
CB	8	LaShaun Ward (Jr., 2)	20	James Bethea (So., 1)
CB	**1**	**Jemeel Powell (Jr., 2)**	5	Atari Callen (So., 1)
SS	**19**	**Bert Watts (Jr., 1)**	21	Dewey Hale (Sr., 3)
FS	**2**	**Nnamdi Asomugha (Jr., 2)**	26	Jeremy Drake (So., 0)

Special Teams

K	14	Mark Jensen (Jr., 1)
P	16	Tyler Fredrickson (So., 0)
KR	8	LaShaun Ward (Jr., 2)
PR	1	Jemeel Powell (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Tom Holmoe — **2000 Record (Pac-10): 3–8 (2–6)**
2001 Prediction: 10th Pac-10 — **Memorial Stadium (75,028)**

Hawaii Warriors

86

Popular University of Hawaii football coach June Jones was out of sight but definitely not out of mind this spring.

At the end of each practice workout, Warrior associate head coach George Lumpkin would gather his team around in a circle.

"We'd give them an update on June's condition and then we'd say a prayer for him," Lumpkin says. "We dedicated our spring practice to him."

Chris Covatta

Timmy Chang

Jones, the 1999 WAC Coach of the Year, was nearly killed in a one-car accident involving a cement beam near Honolulu International Airport on Feb. 22, just days before the start of spring drills.

The good news is that it appears Jones will be back on the Hawaii sidelines for a third year when fall camp starts in August.

105 Where the Warriors ranked nationally in run defense in 2000, allowing an average of 210.8 rushing yards per game.

The Warriors return 15 starters from a rebuilding 3–9 squad, including standout quarterback Timmy Chang.

One of the most highly touted recruits to come out of Honolulu in recent years, the 6'1", 190-pound Chang did little to disappoint as a redshirt freshman.

Starting just nine games, Chang led the WAC in total offense and broke eight school passing records.

Senior Nick Rolovich and junior Jared Flint, both of whom were heavily recruited junior college prospects, provide solid backup to Chang.

Second-team All-WAC back James Fenderson, who averaged 5.8 yards per carry, graduated, as did the Warriors' two top backups, Avion Weaver and Afatia Thompson.

Thero Mitchell, who gained 79 yards on just 11 carries last season, and Tui Ala emerged as the front-runners for the starting job in the spring.

All four starting wideouts; Ashley Lelie, Justin Colbert, Channon Harris and Craig Stutzmann, return, having combined for an incredible 227 catches for 3,117 yards and 22 touchdowns in 2000.

Lelie led the way with 74 catches for 1,110 yards and 11 touchdowns.

The loss of All-WAC offensive tackle Kynan Forney was a big one.

Vince Manuwai is being promoted as one of the nation's top offensive linemen. The versatile Manuwai can play any of the line positions but will likely start at left tackle or right guard.

"He's in the same mold as a Jesse Sapolu," Lumpkin says.

Also back are center Brian Smith, three-year starter Manly Kanoa and Lui Fuata. Redshirt freshman Uriah Moenoa will likely man the other tackle spot, although Lumpkin said some juggling of positions could take part in the fall.

The defensive line could be the most improved area on the team.

Laanui Correa, who began his career as an outside linebacker at UNLV, has beefed up and could be an impact player at left defensive end.

Another UNLV transfer, Lui Fuga, will start for the third straight year at tackle. He had 42 tackles last season despite playing with a sore shoulder that required off-season surgery.

Lumpkin is very high on tackle Mike Iosua, who played in just eight games last season because of injuries.

Houston Ala and Wayne Hunter will likely share time at the other end.

Chris Brown, who tied for the team lead with four sacks last season as a rush end, has been moved to middle linebacker, and Joe Correia, a former defensive end, has been moved to outside linebacker.

The other outside spot will be manned by either Keani Alapa, who has recovered from a season-ending knee injury suffered last year, or hard-hitting Pisa Tinoisamoa, a former San Diego County Player of the Year in high school.

Nate Jackson and Jacob Espiau, second team All-WAC picks in 2000, return at safety. Espiau led the Warriors in total tackles with 126 and pass breakups with 11, while Jackson finished second in tackles with 112 and tied for the conference lead with seven interceptions.

Hyrum Peters, Gary Wright and Kelvin Millhouse replace starting corners Shawndel Tucker and Feiamma Armstrong.

Mat McBriar, a former walk-on from Australia, returns to handle punting chores after averaging a respectable 38.3 yards as a freshman. Freshman Justin Ayat will kick.

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

WR	**18**	**Justin Colbert (Jr., 2)**	81	Neal Gossett (So., 1)
WR	**85**	**Channon Harris (Sr., 2)**	84	Britton Komine (Fr., 0)
LT	**53**	**Lui Fuata (Jr., 2)**	72	Keola Loo (So., 1)
LG	**76**	**Manly Kanoa (Sr., 3)**	73	Sione Tafuna (Jr., 2)
C	**66**	**Brian Smith (Sr., 3)**	74	Chad Kahale (Fr., 0)
RG	**65**	**Vince Manuwai (Jr., 2)**	77	Shayne Kajioka (Jr., 2)
RT	69	Uriah Moenoa (Fr., 0)	78	Mike Holt (Jr., 0)
QB	**14**	**Timmy Chang (So., 1)**	12	Nick Rolovich (Sr.,)
RB	24	Thero Mitchell (Jr., 2)	9	Tui Ala (Sr., 0)
WR	**2**	**Craig Stutzmann (Sr., 3)**	38	Gerald Welch (So., 1)
WR	**8**	**Ashley Lelie (Jr., 2)**	87	Kanale George (So., 1)

Defense (6)

DE	**58**	**Laanui Correia (Jr., 1)**	2	Travis LaBoy (Fr., 0)
DT	**70**	**Mike Iosua (Sr., 3)**	57	Brett Clowers (Sr., 1)
DT	**99**	**Lui Fuga (Jr., 2)**	92	Lance Samuseva (So., 0)
DE	45	Houston Ala (So., 1)	90	Wayne Hunter (So., 0)
LB	6	Joe Correia (Sr., 2)	11	Kevin Jackson (So., 1)
LB	**54**	**Chris Brown (Jr., 2)**	40	Bobby Morgan (Sr., 3)
LB	10	Pisa Tinoisamoa (Jr., 1)	46	Keani Alapa (So., 1)
S	**3**	**Jacob Espiau (Sr., 2)**	**12**	**Nate Jackson (Sr., 3)**
S	35	David Gilmore (So., 1)	7	Matt Manuma (Fr., 0)
CB	27	Gary Wright (So., 1)	15	Kevin Millhouse (So., 0)
CB	33	Hyrum Peters (So., 1)	37	Abraham Elimimian (Fr., 0)

Special Teams

K	47	Justin Ayat (Fr., 0)
P	49	Mat McBriar (So., 1)
KR	89	Clifton Herbert (So., 1)
PR	89	Clifton Herbert (So., 1)

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Head Coach: June Jones — **2000 Record (WAC): 3–9 (2–6)**
2001 Prediction: 5th WAC — **Aloha Stadium (50,000)**

Houston Cougars

87

If Bubba Teague emerges as a capable quarterback, then Houston, with one of the top receiving corps in the nation, will feature one of the league's more potent offenses.

"Our offense has been very impressive," Houston coach Dana Dimel said during the early portion of spring workouts.

Teague saw significant time in four games and brings a different dimension to the position. He gives the Cougars more mobility, a trait that will allow Houston to run more option plays and rollouts. Kelly Robertson and Alvin Lee will push Teague for the No. 1 job.

Al Kooistra

Orlando Iglesias

Joffrey Reynolds, a powerful runner and a pass-catching threat, won the starting running back job last year and proved to be one of the conference's top receivers out of the backfield. An explosive runner who hits the seams with authority, Reynolds often runs over smaller defenders.

135 The combined number of catches in 2000 for Brian Robinson and KeyKowa Bell, the nation's leading returning tandem.

When a toe injury disrupted Reynolds' season, Leif Penn started the final three games. He has worked hard to improve his blocking skills, particularly picking up blitzing defenders, a must in the Cougars' run-and-shoot offense.

Penn and Reynolds will battle again for the starting job, but Texas transfer Chris Robertson could move past them. He has size, speed, strength and agility.

Houston's receiving corps of KeyKowa Bell, Orlando Iglesias, Brandon Middleton and Brian Robinson is talented, deep and dangerous. Bell enjoyed a breakthrough season with 54 catches and averaged 13.4 yards per catch. He has quick moves off the line and the ability to find a defense's soft spots. Robinson moved into the spotlight after Iglesias' ankle injury in the season-opener. Robinson caught 81 passes for 899 yards and six touchdowns, but with Iglesias back, those numbers may dip slightly.

Iglesias, who missed 10 games, was awarded a medical hardship and bolsters an already outstanding unit. An All-America candidate, Iglesias enters his final season with 159 catches for 2,100 yards, numbers that rank fourth on the school's all-time list. Middleton returns after missing eight games with a broken arm. One of the toughest players on the team, Middleton is quick, shifty and makes big plays after the catch.

Jabari Beauford is the team's top returning offensive lineman and enters his fourth year as a starter. He has quick feet and is a non-stop run blocker who often wins confrontations with linebackers. Last year, he allowed only one sack. Al James played every snap last season as a freshman and is a punishing run blocker and an adept pass blocker. He was named to the C-USA All-Freshman team.

Defensively, the Cougars have gotten stronger, literally, in hopes of stopping the run more effectively. Lee Ingersoll is the only returning defensive lineman and he'll be playing a new position, moving from end to tackle. The Cougars want to take advantage of Ingersoll's strength and ability to stop the run. He added 20 pounds to prepare for the physical inside play, but should remain effective as an aggressive pass rusher.

Linebacker Arthur Gissendanner enters the final season of an injury-plagued career. But he will be needed, particularly to provide athleticism on the weak side. He has added 15 pounds since last season, but that should not hinder his ability to flow effortlessly to the ball.

Three first-year linebackers will compete for the other starting job: Justin Davis, Travis Griffith and Nick Stavinoha. They are athletic and tough. Griffith is a former tight end and a hurdles champion in high school.

The Houston secondary returns four of five starters, led by cornerback Jason Parker, a player opponents tend to throw away from. Bobby Tillman, a converted running back with exceptional speed, is expected to start at the other corner.

But the strength of the secondary will be the Cougars' three safeties. Hanik Milligan is the best of the trio and his older brother, Hamin, has overcome serious knee injuries to complement his sibling. Hanik is a playmaker with the speed to keep pace with the league's fastest receivers. Heard Robinson also has the strength to take on blockers and the speed to run with receivers.

Jeff Patterson, a former starter, is expected to win back the punting job. Dustin Bell, a former walk-on who boasts a strong and accurate leg, should win the kicking job.

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR	8	Brandon Middleton (So., 1)	15	Choni Francis (So., 1)
WR	**18**	**Orlando Iglesias (Sr., 3)**	**3**	**KeyKowa Bell (Jr., 2)**
WT	73	Chris Redding (Jr., 0)	64	Josh Demarr (Sr., 1)
WG	76	Rex Hadnot (So., 1)	62	Donald Mayo (Fr., 0)
C	**56**	**Al James (So., 1)**	77	Patrick Boatner (Sr., 2)
SG	**67**	**Damerius Watson (Sr., 1)**	68	Tyrone Green (Jr., 0)
ST	**79**	**Jabari Beauford (Sr., 3)**	74	Chris Wheeler (Jr., 1)
TE	87	Jonathan Pritchett (Jr., 2)	**82**	**Stephen Cucci (Jr., 2)**
WR	**13**	**Brian Robinson (Jr., 2)**	86	Mark Hopkins (So., 1)
QB	12	Bubba Teague (So., 1)	5	Kelly Robertson (Jr., 0)
RB	**21**	**Leif Penn (Sr., 3)**	1	Joffrey Reynolds (Jr., 2)

Defense (6)

LE	89	David Midyett (So., 1)	58	Quantaa Jackson (Jr., 0)
LT	95	Bryan Hill (Jr., 0)	96	Robin Tremblay (Sr., 2)
RT	**75**	**Lee Ingersoll (Sr., 1)**	98	Rufus Williams (Sr., 2)
RE	92	Adrian Lee (Jr., 0)	88	Kendrick Goss (Fr., 0)
LB	41	Arthur Gissendanner (Sr., 3)	**46**	**Waymond Ervin (Sr., 3)**
LB	53	Justin Davis (So., 0)	54	Nick Stavinoha (Fr., 0)
CB	**24**	**Jason Parker (Sr., 3)**	27	Roland Cola (Jr., 0)
CB	38	Bobby Tillman (Fr., 0)	22	Victor Malone (Jr., 0)
SS	**7**	**Heard Robinson (So., 1)**	23	Jesse Sowells (Jr., 0)
WS	**44**	**Hamin Milligan (Sr., 1)**	28	Chad Davis (Fr., 0)
FS	**5**	**Hanik Milligan (Jr., 1)**	17	Greg Holte (Jr., 2)

Special Teams

K	47	Dustin Bell (Fr., 0)
P	48	Jeff Patterson (Sr., 1)
KR	1	Joffrey Reynolds (Jr., 2)
PR	15	Choni Francis (So., 1)

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Head Coach: Dana Dimel — **2000 Record (C-USA): 3–8 (2–5)**
2001 Prediction: 8th — **John O'Quinn Field (32,000)**

Baylor Bears

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Baylor athletics in the new millennium have been impressive. Baseball, softball, tennis, track and women's basketball teams have been nationally ranked, while men's basketball went to the NIT. Obviously, the Big 12's smallest school is making good moves.

But football? The Bears haven't won more than two games since 1996 and are coming off their worst two-year stretch (3–19) since 1970-71. But despite all the dismal data, Kevin Steele's contract was extended at the end of last year.

Jon Pattillo

Greg Cicero

The same administrators who have made the right moves in other sports believe Steele can turn football around.

3-37 The Bears' conference record since the creation of the Big 12 in 1996. Baylor has still never won a Big 12 road game.

For the Bears to experience any kind of success in 2000, they must stay healthy. Last year's injury epidemic at quarterback was unbearable. Primarily because of the injuries, Baylor used five quarterbacks and started four different signal callers.

The most devastating injury happened in the second game when JC transfer Greg Cicero broke his collarbone and was lost for the season.

Cicero, who began his career at Texas, is back and healthy for another run at things.

Steele was pleased with the play of his unproven backfield during spring practice. He called the performance of Chedrick Ricks, Jonathan Golden and Melvin Barnett the "biggest positive" of the spring.

Barnett, who has been primarily a blocker, has made the most progress. At 243 pounds, he's still big enough to be a blocking force, but he has lost 11 pounds and is now a better runner. "He looks like a different guy," Steele says. "He's lighter, faster and stronger than he's ever been."

At most positions, Baylor has virtually no star power. At receiver, however, the Bears appear to be developing a big-time playmaker in Reggie Newhouse, the son of former Dallas Cowboys fullback Robert Newhouse. In 2000, the younger Newhouse became the first Baylor receiver in 17 years to catch 40 passes in a season.

Robert Quiroga, a member of the AAU track and field national champion mile relay team, and Lanny O'Steen, who finished second on the team in 2000 with 21 receptions, are likely candidates to join Newhouse in the starting lineup.

The Bears have high hopes for junior college transfer Ray Harrington and true freshman J Fields.

Last year, Baylor's meek offensive line "helped" the Bears finish 110th or lower nationally in scoring offense, rushing offense and total offense. But there is reason to believe the Bears' line will be better in 2001.

Center Joe Jackson and guard/tackle Jon Erickson are solid returning starters. During the spring, guard Cedric Fields also showed significant improvement. Elsewhere, Steele is counting on junior college transfers Matt Bickel, Charles Bungert and Antoine Murphy to make an immediate impact.

Across the line of scrimmage, Baylor returns three starters on the defensive line, but the coaching staff is hoping some junior college imports can work their way into the starting lineup.

The line may get a boost from big Ethan Kelley, a 321-pound tackle who played on the offensive line last fall. Kelley impressed coaches with his ability to make plays during the spring.

The Bears should field a solid linebacking corps, despite the loss of Kris Micheaux (96 tackles). John Garrett will take over in the middle and will be joined by Anthony Simmons (71 tackles last year). A third linebacker will have to be found in preseason camp.

There are some solid prospects, but a lack of experience concerns Steele. "We really need to stay injury-free at linebacker," Steele says.

With both cornerbacks gone — including Gary Baxter, who was probably the best player on the roster last season — the Bears' secondary is young. But cornerbacks Eric Giddens and Bobby Hart were impressive in the spring, while former linebacker Derrick Cash looks like a good fit at strong safety.

The most encouraging sign in the secondary is the return of hard-nosed free safety Samir Al-Amin. In 2000, Al-Amin recorded 68 tackles and tied for the team lead with two interceptions. "Samir looked better this spring than at any time since he got here," Steele says.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

SE	**81 Reggie Newhouse (Jr., 2)**	82	Robert Quiroga (So., 1)
LT	**71 Jon Erickson (Sr., 1)**	78	Ryan McDaniel (Fr., 0)
LG	76 Cedric Fields (So., 1)	55	Matt Bickel (Jr., 0)
C	**50 Joe Jackson (Sr., 3)**	76	Cedric Fields (So., 1)
RG	70 Derek Long (So., 1)	73	T.J. Helmcamp (Jr., 0)
RT	**52 Greg Jerman (Sr., 3)**	68	Chris Sipes (Fr., 0)
TE	**89 Andrew Obriotti (Sr., 3)**	83	Anthony Dozier (Sr., 1)
FL	87 John Martin (Fr., 0)	28	Bobby Darnell (Jr., 0)
QB	10 Greg Cicero (Jr., 0)	12	Josh Zachry (So., 1)
TB	26 Chedrick Ricks (Jr., 1)	48	Jonathan Golden (So., 1)
FB	31 Melvin Barnett (Sr., 3)	45	Jonathan Evans (Fr., 0)

Defense (6)

LE	**60 Charles Mann (Jr., 2)**	91	Khari Long (Fr., 0)
NT	92 Eric Sims (So., 0)	78	Travis Hicks (Jr., 2)
DT	**99 Kevin Stevenson (Jr., 2)**	59	Ethan Kelley (Jr., 2)
RE	**90 Aaron Lard (So., 1)**	94	Joe Simmons (So., 1)
LB	42 Stephen Sepulveda (So., 1)	98	Kelvin Chaisson (Jr., 2)
LB	7 John Garrett (So., 1)	58	Michael Tolbert (Fr., 0)
LB	**41 Anthony Simmons (So., 1)**	49	Jack Wallace (Fr., 0)
CB	21 Eric Giddens (So., 1)	29	Randy Davis (Jr., 2)
SS	35 Kyle Staudt (Sr., 1)	33	Derrick Cash (So., 1)
FS	**16 Samir Al-Amin (Sr., 3)**	**40**	**Matt Amendola (So., 1)**
CB	24 Bobby Hart (So., 1)	23	Matt Johnson (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	13 Adam Stiles (Sr., 1)
P	13 Adam Stiles (Sr., 1)
KR	26 Chedrick Ricks (Jr., 1)
PR	24 Bobby Hart (So., 1)

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Head Coach: Kevin Steele — **2000 Record (Big 12): 2-9 (0-8)**
2001 Prediction: 6th Big 12 South — **Floyd Casey Stadium (50,000)**

Northern Illinois Huskies

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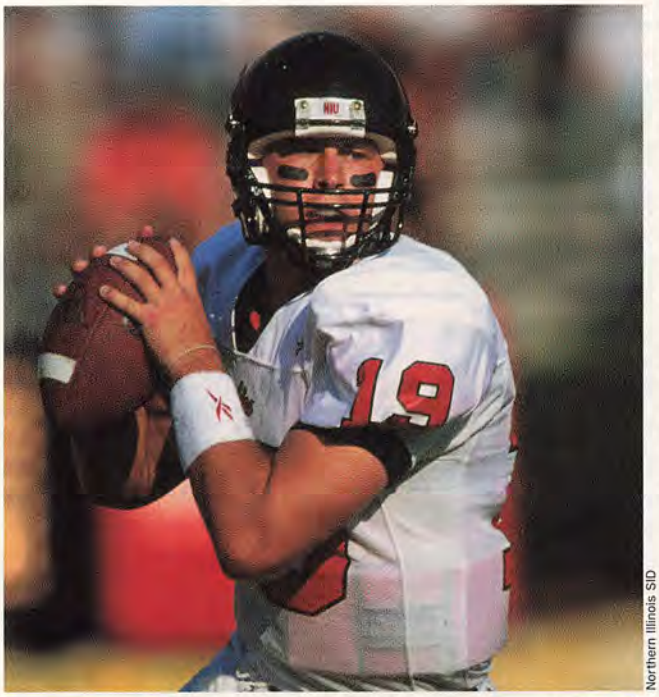
Northern Illinois' steady climb to respectability is complete. The Huskies finished with a winning record (6–5) for the first time since 1990 and set school records for points, touchdowns and yardage.

But where does that leave the 2001 outfit? On the upswing? On the slide? That depends.

"We're a mystery team," says sixth-year Northern coach Joe Novak, who returns only 11 seniors and 12 starters. "It depends on how we mature, how quickly we develop. There's no doubt that we've improved since the 23-game losing streak (1996-98). At the same time we still have a ways to go until we break into the MAC's upper echelon. That's our next challenge."



Northern Illinois SID

Chris Finlen

96 The number of points scored last season by tailback Thomas Hammock, who led the team despite playing in only nine games.

Quarterback Chris Finlen received most of the work last season, and he's the projected starter this fall. Finlen threw for 1,857 yards (a single-season school record) and 11 touchdowns last season and ranked 26th in the nation in passing efficiency.

Finlen will be pushed by redshirt freshmen Josh Haldi and Andy Lothson, junior college transfer Kyle Padia and junior Dan Urban.

Thomas Hammock (1,083 yards and 16 TDs) and Michael Turner (983 yards and seven scores) give the Huskies a powerful one-two punch in the backfield.

Hammock is the nation's No. 4 returning scorer and the No. 6 returning rusher. His plodding running style produced six 100-yard games last season before he broke his right ankle against Toledo. Despite the injury, he plowed enough ground to become the school's ninth 1,000-yard single-season rusher. Turner, more of a speedster, gained 511 of his 983 yards in the final two games of the season.

It won't be easy for the team to replace Justin McCareins, who owns the school record for career catches, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns.

But there are plenty of options and capable players in the mix. The key ingredient is senior Darrell Hill, who missed nine games last season with a broken right hand. Many in the program say he's faster than McCareins. Keith Perry and P.J. Fleck both return as capable wideouts.

At tight end, two players will get most of the work — junior Matt Dunker, who will get some balls thrown his way, and senior Joey Reed, who is used primarily as a blocker. Dunker caught nine balls last season for 128 yards and two scores.

The potent Northern attack was led by an experienced offensive line. Only two starters return, however, in 2001 — juniors Tim Vincent (18 career starts) and Greg Clemens (nine starts). Two others, senior John Pedersen and junior Graham Sleight, enter the season with 10 starts combined. Sophomore Todd Ghilani is slated to start at center.

Senior defensive end Trent Clemen leads the men up front. He led the unit in tackles with 54, pass deflections with six and quarterback hurries with 11. Junior nose tackle Eric Didesch started seven games last year and junior tackle Anthony Falbo started six. Sophomore Jason Frank, juniors Sean Hopson and James Johnson, and seniors Jon Peters and Rashad Walker will also make noise.

At linebacker, junior Larry Williams returns with 21 career starts and 181 career tackles. He was a first-team All-MAC pick last season. Sophomore Nick Duffy and senior Ryan Laurenti are expected to round out the starting unit. A couple of sophomores will be asked to help out, too.

Gone is first-team All-MAC strong safety Jermaine Hampton and second-team all-conference free safety Buster Sampson. But cornerbacks Vince Thompson and Demerist Whitfield are solid. Whitfield, free safety Jon Pendergrass, and strong safeties Justin Dole and Akil Grant each blocked one punt last season. Cornerback Randee Drew made school history when he started once at nickel back and twice at wide receiver.

Kicker Steve Azar hit 14-of-15 field goals last season and became the school's first freshman All-American since 1988. Punter Jimmy Erwin, who averaged 38.1 yards per boot last season, is back as well. Whitfield, Hill and Fleck will be called upon to step up returning punts and kicks.

So, where does this leave Northern Illinois?

"Toledo and Marshall are the class of the league at this point," Novak says. "We aren't at that level yet."

But they are getting closer.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

SE	82 P.J. Fleck (Jr., 2)	22 Mike Archie (So., 1)
LT	**73 Tim Vincent (Jr., 2)**	52 Gary Young (Fr., 0)
LG	68 Jon Pedersen (Sr., 3)	64 Shaun Schroeder (So., 0)
C	63 Todd Ghilani (So., 1)	71 Matt McGhgy (Fr., 0)
RG	69 Graham Sleight (Jr., 1)	**62 Greg Clemens (Jr., 1)**
RT	77 Mark Orzula (So., 0)	65 Jake Verstraete (Fr., 0)
TE	**86 Matt Dunker (Jr., 2)**	84 Joey Reed (Sr., 3)
QB	**19 Chris Finlen (Sr., 3)**	10 Josh Haldi (Fr., 0)
FB	41 Alan Rood (Sr., 3)	34 Mike Scaramella (So., 0)
RB	**28 Thomas Hammock (Jr., 2)**	32 Michael Turner (So., 1)
FL	14 Darrell Hill (Sr., 3)	80 Keith Perry (So., 1)

Defense (5)

DE	99 Jason Frank (So., 1)	61 Lundy Swilley (So., 0)
DT	94 Anthony Falbo (Jr., 2)	98 Jon Peters (Sr., 1)
NT	**51 Eric Didesch (Jr., 2)**	67 Rashad Walker (Sr., 1)
DE	**53 Trent Clemen (Sr., 3)**	40 Sean Hopson (Jr., 2)
LB	46 Ryan Laurenti (Sr., 3)	55 Vinson Reynolds (So., 1)
LB	45 Nick Duffy (So., 1)	50 Kursten Strothman (Fr., 0)
LB	**26 Larry Williams (Jr., 2)**	43 Chris Maholy (Sr., 0)
CB	18 Randee Drew (So., 1)	**29 Demerist Whitfield (Jr., 2)**
SS	21 Akil Grant (So., 1)	37 Justin Dole (Jr., 2)
FS	5 Jon Pendergrass (Sr., 2)	37 Justin Dole (Jr., 2)
CB	**17 Vince Thompson (Jr., 2)**	23 Devron Francis (Fr., 0)

Special Teams

K	13 Steve Azar (So., 1)
P	4 Jimmy Erwin (Jr., 1)
KR	14 Darrell Hill (Sr., 3)
PR	29 Demerist Whitfield (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Joe Novak — **2000 Record (MAC): 6–5 (4–3)**
2001 Prediction: 3rd MAC West — **Huskie Stadium (31,000)**

Rutgers Scarlet Knights

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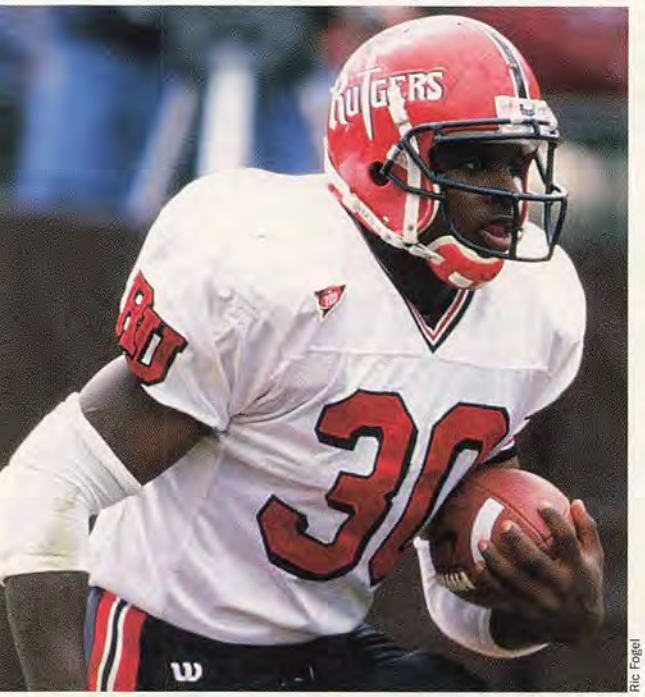
No one at Rutgers can say for sure what Greg Schiano's strengths will be as a head coach, but they're certain of one thing: After auditioning three people for the part during the previous 12 years, they're convinced they finally have the right guy.

It didn't take long, either. Within weeks of his Dec. 1 hiring, Schiano turned the questions about his youth — at 34 he's the youngest Division I-A head coach in the country — into a positive. He did that by convincing the state's top high school talent to respond to Rutgers in a way it never had before.



Ric Fogel

Dennis Thomas

The rebuilding job Schiano inherits is a formidable one. Rutgers was 3–8 last season (0–7 Big East), ending Terry Shea's five-year run at 11–44.

2,400 Quarterback Mike McMahon's total offense as a senior last year, which represented nearly 65 percent of Rutgers' overall yardage.

Who replaces four-year starting quarterback Mike McMahon? That's *the* question on offense for Rutgers this year. Junior Chad Schwenk is the only quarterback with any experience, having started four games. He's had his moments, but Schwenk may have difficulty holding off redshirt freshman Chris Dapolito, who brings McMahon-like size (6'3", 215) and athleticism to the position.

Then there's true freshman Ryan Cubit, a heralded recruit from Missouri who just happens to be the son of new offensive coordinator Bill Cubit.

The running back situation is one of those good news/bad news deals. The good news is that senior Dennis Thomas, the Knights' leading rusher last year, is back. The bad news? He gained just 587 yards as Rutgers finished 94th nationally in rushing. "We need to run the ball better," Schiano says, "and we will."

Here are three reasons that could happen: Rikki Cook, Marcus Jones and Clarence Pittman. The three freshmen are among the highlights of Schiano's first recruiting haul.

Despite graduating two of last year's top three receivers in Errol Johnson and Walter King, Rutgers has enough depth at the position to keep pace with Cubit's fast-paced plans. Not only do seven wide receivers return, including Delrico Fletcher and Antoine Lovelace, but Schiano is looking for contributions from several incoming freshmen.

Among the returnees, Josh Hobbs and Aaron Martin had the most productive seasons, with Hobbs catching 17 passes for 235 yards. Martin, capable of the spectacular, needs to be more consistent.

A year after rebuilding and revamping the offensive line, the Knights, who return three starters, should now reap the benefits. Rich Mazza, a rare All-Big East Knight, will be sorely missed, as will center Jeremy Womack, who left the team in the middle of spring practice.

The returnees include Howard Blackwood and Julian Ross at the tackles and Travis Mills at guard. Mike Esposito slides over to center. Injuries gave sophomores Rich McManis and Krzysztof Kaczorowski, both 300-pounders, opportunities to log considerable time.

After the Knights switched to a 3–4 last year, Schiano is reverting back to the 4–3. Whether he has the depth or size to make it work effectively remains to be seen.

Alfred Peterson and Ryan Neill, both promising end prospects with speed, are newcomers who could re-shape the line. Seniors Marcus Perry and Torrance Heggie and junior Greg Pyszczymuka each started at least five games a year ago. Will Burnett, a terrific athlete who can't seem to stay healthy, saw action in seven games as a sophomore.

Schiano is hoping talented linebacker Raheem Orr can finally get onto the field. Orr, a punishing 6'4", 225-pound junior, has missed his first two seasons due to academics.

Brian Bender (shoulder) and Nate Leonard (torn ACL) are back after having their seasons cut short by injury. Mitch Davis and Gary Brackett saw more time as fill-ins than they had anticipated.

The secondary is easily Rutgers' strength on defense, especially with senior Tarell Freeney moving from linebacker to strong safety, which suits him better. Shawn Seabrooks, a Tennessee transfer, will try to shake off a disappointing first year at Rutgers to hold the free safety spot this year.

Cornerbacks Tony Berry, DeWayne Thompson and Brandon Haw all have starting experience, with Haw starting all 11 games a year ago.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

SE	7	Delrico Fletcher (Sr., 2)	82	Aaron Martin (Jr., 2)
LT	**69**	**Howard Blackwood (Jr., 2)**	76	Krzysztof Kaczorowski (So., 1)
LG	73	Brian Duffy (So., 0)	77	Rich McManis (So., 1)
C	78	Mike Esposito (Jr., 2)	62	Mike Williamson (So., 0)
RG	**74**	**Travis Mills (Sr., 1)**	77	Rich McManis (So., 1)
RT	**79**	**Julian Ross (Sr., 3)**	64	Rob Dinsmore (Fr., 0)
TE	**85**	**L.J. Smith (Sr., 2)**	89	Rob Ring (Sr., 1)
QB	9	Chad Schwenk (Jr., 2)	11	Chris Dapolito (Fr., 0)
FB	40	Seth Stanton (Sr., 3)	46	Troy Marion (Fr., 0)
RB	**30**	**Dennis Thomas (Sr., 3)**	28	Jason Ohene (Sr., 3)
FL	88	Antoine Lovelace (Jr., 2)	86	David Stringer (Sr., 1)

Defense (5)

DE	6	Torrance Heggie (Sr., 1)	87	Will Burnett (Jr., 2)
DT	96	Billy Tulloch (Sr., 1)	56	Ron Jenerette (So., 1)
DT	**99**	**Greg Pyszczymuka (Jr., 2)**	98	Marty Pyszczymuka (So., 1)
DE	59	Marcus Perry (Sr., 3)	52	Jeff Olsen (So., 1)
LB	42	Brian Bender (Jr., 2)	45	Bill Hambrecht (So., 1)
LB	43	Raheem Orr (Jr., 0)	44	Jeremy Campbell (Fr., 0)
LB	15	Nate Leonard (Jr., 2)	39	Mitch Davis (Jr., 1)
CB	**24**	**Brandon Haw (Jr., 2)**	32	Nate Jones (So., 1)
SS	**47**	**Tarell Freeney (Sr., 3)**	**34**	**Nate Colon (Jr., 2)**
FS	23	Shawn Seabrooks (Jr., 1)	29	Ben Martin (Sr., 1)
CB	2	Tony Berry (Sr., 2)	**21**	**DeWayne Thompson (Jr., 2)**

Special Teams

K	14	Steve Barone (Sr., 3)
P	13	Mike Barr (Jr., 1)
KR	30	Dennis Thomas (Sr., 3)
PR	7	Delrico Fletcher (Sr., 2)

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Head Coach: Greg Schiano — **2000 Record (Big East): 3–8 (0–7)**
2001 Prediction: 8th Big East — **Rutgers Stadium (41,500)**

Duke Blue Devils

91

In basketball, the saying is this: Duke is Duke, a perennial contender for the national title. In football, it's the same saying, with different connotations. Duke is Duke, an inherently beatable team, a team almost every Division I team looks at on their schedule and says, "Win."

Quarterback D. Bryant is not only the entrenched starter, but also a talented, athletic sort, giving Duke a luxury it hasn't had headed into recent seasons. Also a luxury: Bryant, a former walk-on with the Blue Devils basketball team, is done with hoops. He participated in the entire spring session, which was important to Franks, who felt Bryant needed to carry the momentum he established in 2000 into '01. Bryant started the final seven games of the year, and threw for 1,448 yards.

Steve Woltmann

D. Bryant

22,116 The Blue Devils' average 2000 home attendance, last in the ACC. The two biggest crowds — 30,224 and 24,673 — came against in-state rivals East Carolina and North Carolina, games in which at least half the stands rooted against the Devils.

Chris Douglas will handle the bulk of the running game for the Blue Devils, but don't expect him to bang it up the middle or grind things out. With Duke's wide-open nature, Douglas fits in well. He can get out to the corner and break into the open field.

Alex Wade, a bit of a load at 243 pounds, is the traditional fullback if Duke lines up in the I-formation, and will be used in short yardage situations as a single back. But watch for Nick Brzezinski, a tight end a year ago, to see time in the backfield.

There is some promise at receiver. Ben Erdeljac and Kyle Moore return as starters, but they'll get pressure from — and share the field with — Jeremy Battier and Reggie Love, who, at 6'5" and 6'4", respectively, offer bigger targets. In Franks' pass-oriented pro sets, any three of the four — or all of them — could be on the field at any one time.

Perhaps Duke's most dangerous target, and one of its few candidates for all-conference honors, is tight end Mike Hart, who led all ACC tight ends a year ago with 31 catches.

The offensive line is the Blue Devils' biggest offensive concern. "We just have to get better," Franks says.

But the prospects aren't that good. Three starters return, but they're three starters from a unit that gave up a whopping 53 sacks — nearly five per game — last season. And three projected starters — John Miller, Daryl Lewis and Christian Mitchell — all missed spring practice, each with shoulder surgery.

Throw Drew Strojny in at left tackle and Shawn Lynch in at center, with Drew Martin vying for time somewhere, and that's the Blue Devils' group: banged-up and thin.

Defensive end Charles Porter could be the one to watch for the Devils — if he maintains focus and gives consistent effort a year after making six tackles for a loss. Shawn Johnson and Tyran Grissom will compete for the other end spot, but that trio — including Porter — made only four sacks between them in 2000.

Jeff Lonergan is the likely starter at nose guard in Duke's odd, off-balance 3–4 alignment, which frequently looks like a 4–3. The defensive staff is high on sophomore Matt Zielinski, a converted linebacker, at the nose.

The linebackers are likely the steadiest part of Duke's decidedly unsteady defense, a unit that gave up 458 yards per game in 2000.

Hoping to help improve on that number is Ryan Fowler, who snuck up on the ACC from his weak-side spot to lead the Devils in tackles (87), tackles for a loss (13) and sacks (seven). Fowler should be helped by the return of fellow outside 'backer Nate Krill, a 6'8" senior who missed all of 2000 with back and shoulder surgery. Linebacker Jamyon Small will be joined on the inside by intriguing freshman Jim Scharrer, a 24-year-old who enrolled at Duke for the spring semester and won a job after spring practice.

After playing running back in 1999 and missing all of 2000, B.J. Hill will step in at strong safety. Free safety Josh Kreider returns as a starter, and the cornerbacks, Ronnie Hamilton and Jeff Phillips, are experienced.

Brian Morton, who graduated with ACC records for punts and punting yardage, will be replaced by Trey McDonald. The coaching staff believes in kicker Brent Garber's leg strength enough that they attempted four kicks of 50-plus yards last season.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR	**9**	**Ben Erdeljac (Sr., 3)**	88	Jeremy Battier (So., 1)
LT	**75**	**Drew Strojny (So., 1)**	73	Drew Martin (Jr., 0)
LG	**74**	**Daryl Lewis (So., 1)**	70	Luke Bayer (So., 0)
C	79	Shawn Lynch (Sr., 3)	68	Rusty Wilson (So., 1)
RG	**77**	**John Miller (Sr., 3)**	68	Rusty Wilson (So., 1)
RT	65	Christian Mitchell (So., 0)	67	Patrick Worsham (Fr., 0)
TE	**81**	**Mike Hart (Sr., 3)**	80	Nick Brzezinski (So., 1)
QB	**6**	**D. Bryant (Jr., 1)**	10	Chris Wispelway (Fr., 0)
FB	37	Alex Wade (So., 1)	80	Nick Brzezinski (So., 1)
RB	4	Chris Douglas (So., 1)	37	Alex Wade (So., 1)
WR	**85**	**Kyle Moore (Sr., 3)**	82	Reggie Love (So., 1)

Defense (6)

DE	**96**	**Shawn Johnson (So., 1)**	**95**	**Tyran Grissom (Sr., 2)**
NG	66	Jeff Lonergan (Jr., 1)	35	Matt Zielinski (So., 1)
DE	52	Charles Porter (Sr., 3)	98	Drew Ciepcielinski (Fr., 0)
LB	83	Nate Krill (Sr., 3)	56	Cory Broadnax (Fr., 0)
LB	45	J.T. Cape (So., 1)	50	Kurt Miller (So., 1)
LB	53	Jim Scharrer (Fr., 0)	**24**	**Jamyon Small (Jr., 2)**
LB	**27**	**Ryan Fowler (So., 1)**	49	Jason Davis (Jr., 1)
SS	32	B.J. Hill (Jr., 2)	28	D'Juan O'Donald (So., 1)
FS	**34**	**Josh Kreider (Jr., 2)**	42	Anthony Roberts (So., 1)
CB	**11**	**Ronnie Hamilton (Sr., 3)**	25	Terrell Smith (So., 1)
CB	29	Jeff Phillips (Jr., 1)	22	Kenneth Stanford (Fr., 0)

Special Teams

K	1	Brent Garber (So., 1)
P	13	Trey McDonald (Fr., 0)
KR	4	Chris Douglas (So., 1)
PR	11	Ronnie Hamilton (Sr., 3)

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Head Coach: Carl Franks	**2000 Record (ACC): 0–11 (0–8)**
2001 Prediction: 9th ACC	**Wallace Wade Stadium (33,941)**

Cincinnati Bearcats

92

Cincinnati coach Rick Minter knows the fine line his program walks between winning and losing.

"The simple difference between our 1999 team (3–8) and last year's team (7–5) was field goal kicking," he says. "Last year, we made nearly every kick, and the year before, we couldn't hit the broad side of a barn."

Cincinnati rode a strong running game and an NCAA-record 29 field goals to a second-place finish in Conference USA and a berth in the Motor City Bowl.

Wade Payne

Ray Jackson

"We were 3–4 at one point but we circled the wagons. Hopefully, we will get to the point where don't use the word 'upset' when we win. When we win, it will be because we are supposed to win."

34 The number of turnovers the Bearcats' defense forced last season, which was good for fourth in the nation.

With a major question at quarterback, it is hard to say how many Cincinnati is "supposed" to win this season. Deontey Kenner, a three-year starter who accounted for 38 touchdowns (running and passing) in the past three seasons, must be replaced.

Senior Adam Hoover and junior John Leonard battled in the spring, but the job may go to incoming freshman Gino Guidugli, one of the school's most high-profile recruits in two decades. Guidugli, a first-team all-state quarterback from Ft. Thomas, Ky., threw for 4,367 yards last fall and 7,397 in his two-year varsity career.

Guidugli committed to play at Kentucky, but backed out after Wildcat coach Hal Mumme resigned. He then chose Cincinnati over Notre Dame, much to the delight of the Bearcat coaching staff.

Guidugli, or whoever ends running the Bearcat offense, will lean heavily on the outstanding tailback tandem of Ray Jackson and DeMarco McCleskey. Jackson, who began his career at Michigan, led UC in rushing with 808 yards and six touchdowns last year. He was first-team All-C-USA and recorded four 100-yard rushing performances.

McCleskey finished 2000 with 500 yards despite sharing time and missing two games with a hamstring injury.

"You would have to say this is the strength of our offense at this point," Minter says.

Paving the way for Jackson and McCleskey will be one of the top offensive lines in C-USA. The Bearcats welcome back four starters, including outstanding tackles Shawn Murphy and Josh Gardner. Murphy, a transfer from Michigan State, started every game in 2000. Gardner has started all 23 games of his two-year UC career.

Minter is concerned about the Cincinnati receiving corps. The Bearcats lost leading receiver Antonio Chatman, plus contributors Jason Collins-Baker (32 catches) and Ashley Hunt (18).

The top playmaker this season should be junior LaDaris Vann. He is an explosive athlete who may secure the role of punt returner as well.

Across the line of scrimmage, Minter is excited about the prospects of his defensive front, which returns three starters and welcomes Matt Tupuola, a 6'2", 340-junior college transfer who should slide right into the starting lineup.

Juniors Derrick Adams and Antwan Peek (8.5 sacks in 2000) and redshirt freshman Andre Frazier will all see quality time at the two end spots. Kirk Thompson, who started all 12 games in 2000, should join Tupuola at tackle.

The situation at linebacker, where UC must find three new starters, is far less certain.

The new group will be anchored by middle linebacker Lewis Carter, a senior who began his career in the secondary. Ken Wynne and Willis Edwards emerged from spring practice as the starters on the outside.

Cincinnati is deep at cornerback; so deep that Minter decided to move returning starter Ivan Fields from corner to free safety to plug a hole vacated by Freddy Smith. Fields will be joined at safety by Aaron Butler or Frank Lang.

Returning starter LaVar Glover and junior Blue Adams are the projected cornerbacks, with sophomore Zach Norton and senior Anthony Thomas also in the mix.

Cincinnati has one of the premier kicking games in the nation. Junior kicker Jonathan Ruffin won the Lou Groza Award last year as the nation's top placekicker after he nailed 26-of-29 field goal attempts.

In the punting department, senior Adam Wulfeck returns after being named second-team All-C-USA. He averaged 41.8 yards per punt, good for 22nd in the nation.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR	6	LaDaris Vann (Jr., 2)	19	Daven Holly (Fr., 0)
LT	**78**	**Shawn Murphy (Sr., 1)**	77	Clint Stickdorn (Fr., 0)
LG	**72**	**Kirt Doolin (Jr., 2)**	73	Ted Forrest (Sr., 3)
C	66	Josh Shneyderov (So., 1)	65	Matt Mercer (Fr., 0)
RG	**60**	**DeWayne Johnston (Sr., 2)**		Ricardo Robledo (Jr., 0)
RT	**67**	**Josh Gardner (Jr., 2)**	69	Jeremy Schlicher (Fr., 0)
TE	83	JR Deatherage (Sr., 1)	89	A.J. Lucius (Fr., 0)
QB	11	John Leonard (Jr., 0)	10	Adam Hoover (Sr., 1)
RB	**33**	**Ray Jackson (Sr., 1)**	31	DeMarco McCleskey (Jr., 2)
WR	8	Robert Drewery (Sr., 1)	84	Jon Olinger (Jr., 2)
WR	**3**	**Tye Keith (Jr., 2)**	81	Tim Walker (Sr., 2)

Defense (5)

DE	**56**	**Antwan Peek (Jr., 2)**	**93**	**Derrick Adams (Jr., 2)**
DT		Matt Tupuola (Jr., 0)	54	Dan Wortman (Sr., 2)
DT	**94**	**Kirk Thompson (Sr., 2)**	95	DeMarcus Billings (Jr., 2)
DE	91	Andre Frazier (Fr., 0)	99	Darryll Ransom (Jr., 2)
LB	51	Willis Edwards (Jr., 2)	55	Jamey Murphy (Fr., 0)
LB	39	Lewis Carter (Sr., 3)	62	Jamar Enzor (Fr., 0)
LB	44	Ken Wynne (Sr., 2)	45	Akanni Turner (Fr., 0)
SS	20	Aaron Butler (Sr., 1)	21	Frank Lang (Jr., 2)
FS	**26**	**Ivan Fields (Jr., 2)**	23	John Hinson (So., 0)
CB	**4**	**LaVar Glover (Sr., 3)**	27	Anthony Thomas (Sr., 2)
CB	24	Blue Adams (Jr., 2)	29	Zach Norton (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	16	Jonathan Ruffin (Jr., 2)
P	14	Adam Wulfeck (Sr., 3)
KR	9	Charles Spencer (Sr., 1)
PR	3	Tye Keith (Jr., 2)

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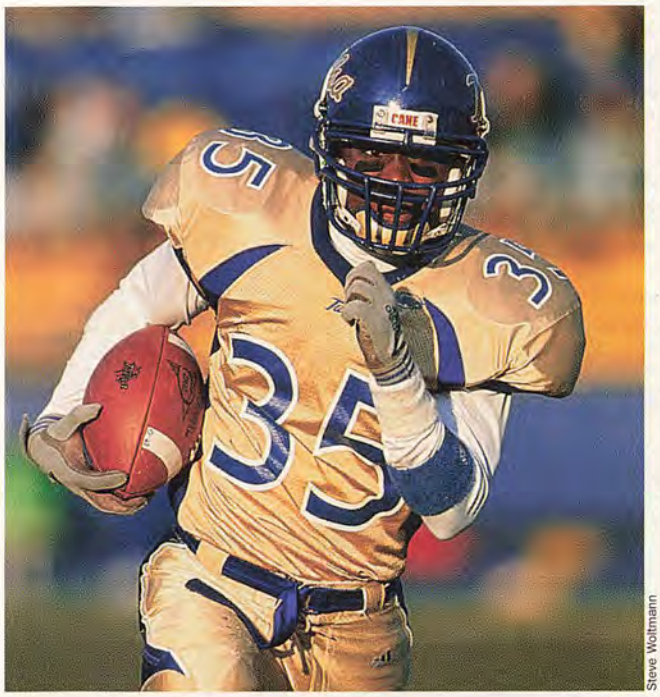
Head Coach: Rick Minter — **2000 Record (C-USA): 7–5 (5–2)**
2001 Prediction: 9th C-USA — **Nippert Stadium (35,000)**

Tulsa Golden Hurricane

93

What's that old saying about Rome not being built in a day? The same could be said about trying to build a top-notch Division I-A football program.

Tulsa head coach Keith Burns knew when he took over for Dave Rader that it would take more than a day or even a year to produce the first winning season at the school since 1991. After all, the Golden Hurricane were coming off a dismal 2–9 campaign in 1999. Though last season's 5–7 (4–4 WAC) finish in Burns' first year at the helm may not be the stuff of headlines nationally, it was pretty big news in Oklahoma.



Steve Woltmann

Eric Richardson

"There's a light at the end of the tunnel," Burns says. "We feel good about what we did. There's kind of an excitement around here again about the football program."

> **12** Quarterback sacks amassed by Tulsa's defense in 2000. That tied the Golden Hurricane with Rice for fewest in the WAC.

The Golden Hurricane return 15 starters along with an incoming class rated by some as the best in the WAC. If the Golden Hurricane can continue that kind of progress in 2001, a decade of losing campaigns will finally come to an end.

QB Josh Blankenship was the WAC's Freshman of the Year in '99, then followed that by completing 196-of-379 passes for 2,507 yards, 9 touchdowns and 11 interceptions in 2000. Blankenship's backup is 6'3", 205-pound redshirt freshman James Kilian, who played eight-man football in Medford, Okla.

In the final two games of 2000, tailback Eric Richardson rushed for a combined 400 yards in victories over San Jose State and Nevada. The emergence of Richardson and the return of D.J. Barnett have allowed Burns to move last year's starting tailback, Ken Bohanon, to his more natural fullback/H-Back spot. Bohanon rushed for a team-high 802 yards and scored 10 touchdowns last season. Donté Hart adds quality depth in the backfield.

The return of Donald Shoals, a first team All-WAC pick, combined with a group of talented youngsters, makes wide receiver perhaps the Golden Hurricane's strongest offensive unit.

Shoals is a legitimate All-America candidate after catching 80 passes for 1,195 yards and five touchdowns. He ranked fourth nationally in receiving yards, 10th in punt returns (15.6 avg.) and was 40th in all-purpose yards (127.2).

Darrell Wimberly, Brandon Birks and talented redshirt freshmen Montiese Culton, Edmond Freeman and Cole McNair give Burns plenty of depth.

Jarrod Roach, third on the team in receptions with 22, returns at tight end.

Both starting guards from last season must be replaced. The returnees include left tackle Kevin Shaffer, right tackle Jake Stoetzner — who has been displaced by converted tight end Austin Chadwick — and center Anthony Taylor. Matt Black and Tony Katic are the frontrunners for the starting guard spots along with highly touted redshirt freshman Zack Newby.

Two key defensive starters, end Chris Odom and tackle Da'mond Robinson, graduated after solid seasons.

Drew McLaughlin, a two-year starter, ranked third on the team with 62 tackles, including a team-high eight for loss, returns at defensive end while Brad Hawkins will start at the other end spot.

Justin Dixon, who came to Tulsa as a linebacker, was "the surprise of the spring" at nose guard says Coach Burns.

Sam Rayburn will start at tackle with redshirt freshman Josh Walker and highly touted junior college transfer D'Wayne McIntosh also expected to contribute inside.

Linebacker Ashon Farley must be replaced. But Oklahoma transfer Michael Dulaney will soften the loss.

Keithan McCorry returns at rover. Jorma Bailey, a converted tailback, and Phillip Abode will battle for the other starting linebacker spot.

C.J. Scott, an honorable mention All-WAC pick as a true freshman, returns at right cornerback. Harold Burgess II returns at free safety but could be switched to left cornerback.

Sherman Steptoe and Don Gibson, a transfer from Southwest Mississippi Community College, are in the mix at cornerback, while George Delonia is battling Burgess at free safety. Chad Smith returns at bandit where transfer Reginald Reese also will see action.

The Golden Hurricane could have the best special teams in the WAC this year. Besides Shoals, a dangerous returner, punter Casey Lipscomb returns, as does placekicker Chris Earnest.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR	40	Darrell Wimberly (So., 1)	84	Montiese Culton (Fr., 0)
RT	48	Austin Chadwick (So., 1)	**75**	**Jake Stoetzner (Jr., 2)**
RG	71	Matt Black (So., 1)	**75**	**Jake Stoetzner (Jr., 2)**
C	**62**	**Anthony Taylor (Jr., 1)**	79	Zack Newby (Fr., 0)
LG	70	Tony Katic (So., 1)	74	Dustin Traynor (Fr., 0)
LT	**72**	**Kevin Shaffer (Sr., 3)**	73	Jason Daniluk (Jr., 1)
TE	**7**	**Jarrod Roach (So., 1)**	20	Derrick Williams (So., 1)
QB	**16**	**Josh Blankenship (Jr., 2)**	15	James Kilian (Fr., 0)
TB	25	Eric Richardson (So., 1)	**34**	**Ken Bohanon (Sr., 2)**
WR	**87**	**Donald Shoals (Sr., 2)**	42	Edmond Freeman (Fr., 0)
WR	85	Brandon Birks (Jr., 1)	88	Cole McNair (Fr., 0)

Defense (8)

DE	**57**	**Brad Hawkins (Jr., 2)**	53	Sammy Umobong (So., 1)
DT	**96**	**Sam Rayburn (Jr., 2)**	95	Josh Walker (Fr., 0)
NG	99	Justin Dixon (Sr., 2)	49	Lee Vick (Sr., 1)
DE	**42**	**Drew McLaughlin (Sr., 3)**	91	Michael Ware (Fr., 0)
LB	27	Jorma Bailey (So., 1)	8	Phillip Abode (Sr., 3)
LB	54	Michael Dulaney (Jr., 0)	56	Jason Wiltshire (So., 1)
BAN	**22**	**Chad Smith (So., 1)**	6	Reginald Reese (Jr., 0)
ROV	**9**	**Keithan McCorry (Jr., 2)**	24	Brett Butler (Jr., 2)
FS	**3**	**Harold Burgess II (Sr., 3)**	30	George Delonia (So., 1)
RC	**5**	**C.J. Scott (So., 1)**	**24**	**Brett Butler (Jr., 2)**
LC	39	Sherman Steptoe (So., 1)	4	Don Gibson (Jr., 0)

Special Teams

K	18	Chris Earnest (Sr., 3)
P	29	Casey Lipscomb (Sr., 3)
KR	27	Jorma Bailey (So., 1)
PR	87	Donald Shoals (Sr., 2)

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Head Coach: Keith Burns — **2000 Record (WAC): 5–7 (4–4)**
2001 Prediction: 6th WAC — **Skelly Stadium (40,385)**

Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders

94

In recent years, a flood of teams have made the leap from I-AA to I-A, but few have made a splash like Middle Tennessee did last year.

In just their second season of competition in college football's top division, the Blue Raiders posted a 6–5 record by running the table in their last three games.

It is true that Illinois, Florida, Maryland and Mississippi State pasted Middle Tennessee by an average of 32 points. It is also true that, under the guidance of third-year head coach Andy McCollum, the Blue Raiders have distinguished themselves from their class-jumping brethren.

Middle Tenn. SID

Dwone Hicks

32 The number of consecutive games in which Kendall Newson has caught at least one pass. That's also the number of games he has played in his career.

Essentially, Middle Tennessee has two starting quarterbacks, though the lion's share of snaps will go to senior Wes Counts, who started nine games. Counts moved up the charts in the Raider record book and is now the school's career leader in pass completions and 200-yard games.

Senior Jason Johnson started two games at midseason, but it was his performance in the season finale (226 yards passing), a double-overtime win over Louisiana-Lafayette, that clinched the winning record.

Dwone Hicks, a candidate for postseason Sun Belt Conference honors, rushed for 1,277 yards, the third-best single-season mark in school history. He set school records for most rushing touchdowns in a season (19) and points scored (126).

Don Calloway appeared in nine games as a true freshman and finished the season with a 108-yard effort against Louisiana-Lafayette.

The top four receivers from last season return, including one of the nation's premier threats, Kendall Newson. He broke his own single-season record for receptions (74) and became the school's career leader in receiving yardage (2,195).

Hansford Johnson will be one of the more versatile players in the Sun Belt. Although listed as a receiver, he generates nearly as much offense running the ball.

If the pyrotechnics of the Blue Raiders' skill players are to be utilized effectively, they must have an effective offensive line. That will be the team's biggest challenge this fall as four new faces move into the starting lineup.

The lone returning starter is talented left tackle Brandon Westbrook. David Coy moves from a backup role at left guard to a starting assignment at right tackle. Glen Elarbee moves up the charts to become the starting center. Josh Willoughby, who played sparingly as a redshirt freshman, gets the nod at left guard while Kevin Pascoe, who earned four starts a year ago, will be the right guard.

Tanaka Scott leads the Blue Raiders' defensive front from the left end position. He will be supported by Wes Stephens, a four-game starter last season at bandit linebacker. After starting the final five games at bandit linebacker last season, Anthony Hood is this year's starter at right end.

Junior Curtis Daniely and redshirt freshman Jerry Vanderpool came out of spring practice as the starting tackles.

Senior Scott Brown, the team's second-leading returning tackler, is a returning starter at middle linebacker. Senior Louis Kemp steps up from the backup weak-side linebacker spot to a starting role, while junior Chris Gatlin, last year's weak-side starter, is this year's strong-side reserve. Sophomore Michael Woods moves from a reserve strong safety to the starting strong-side slot.

Two starters and two squad members will roam the secondary. Junior Kareem Bland becomes the strong safety after starting at free safety last season. Taking his place at free safety is sophomore Joe McClendon.

The most experienced member of the secondary is senior Jykine Bradley, who is the starting left corner for the second consecutive season. His backup from last year, Muhammad Rashada, inherits the right corner assignment vacated by leading tackler Jermaine Francis.

As a true freshman, Brian Kelly made 11-of-13 field goals and 39-of-44 extra points. He delivered the game-winning field goal in overtime against Louisiana-Lafayette.

Sophomore Robert Billings averaged 37.5 yards per punt and had 17 kicks land inside the 20.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR	**27**	**Tyrone Calico (Jr., 2)**	4	Nick Payne (Sr., 2)
WR	**80**	**David Youell (Jr., 2)**	32	Alvin Norris (Fr., 0)
LT	**59**	**Brandon Westbrook (So., 1)**	74	Jonathan Proby (Jr., 2)
LG	55	Josh Willoughby (So., 0)	79	Preston Portley (Jr., 0)
C	57	Glen Elarbee (Jr., 2)	68	Nate Blasi (Jr., 0)
RG	77	Kevin Pascoe (Jr., 2)	73	Bill Brasch (So., 0)
RT	72	David Coy (So., 1)	50	Gary Sanders (So., 0)
QB	**17**	**Wes Counts (Sr., 3)**	16	Jason Johnson (Sr., 1)
RB	**33**	**Dwone Hicks (Jr., 2)**	28	Don Calloway (So., 1)
WR	**12**	**Kendall Newson (Sr., 3)**	8	Hashem Joyner (So., 0)
WR	**3**	**Hansford Johnson (Sr., 3)**	83	Sean Saylor (Jr., 2)

Defense (5)

DE	**92**	**Tanaka Scott (Sr., 1)**	86	Wes Stephens (Sr., 3)
DT	97	Jerry Vanderpool (Fr., 0)		Anthony Haley (Jr., 0)
DT	96	Curtis Daniely (Jr., 2)	65	Joe Moos (So., 1)
DE	58	Anthony Hood (Sr., 1)	94	Ray Miller (Jr., 1)
LB	2	Michael Woods (So., 1)	**40**	**Chris Gatlin (Jr., 2)**
LB	**9**	**Scott Brown (Sr., 3)**	45	Billy Durham (Sr., 3)
LB	52	Louis Kemp (Sr., 1)	53	Joey Montalbano (So., 1)
SS	**11**	**Kareem Bland (Jr., 2)**	10	Chris Johnson (Jr., 2)
FS	18	Joe McClendon (So., 1)	10	Chris Johnson (Jr., 2)
CB	**19**	**Jykine Bradley (Sr., 2)**	6	Wardell Alsup (So., 1)
CB	5	Muhammad Rashada (So., 1)	29	Rod Higgins (Jr., 1)

Special Teams

K	22	Brian Kelly (So., 1)
P	20	Robert Billings (So., 1)
KR	5	Muhammad Rashada (So., 1)
PR	3	Hansford Johnson (Sr., 3)

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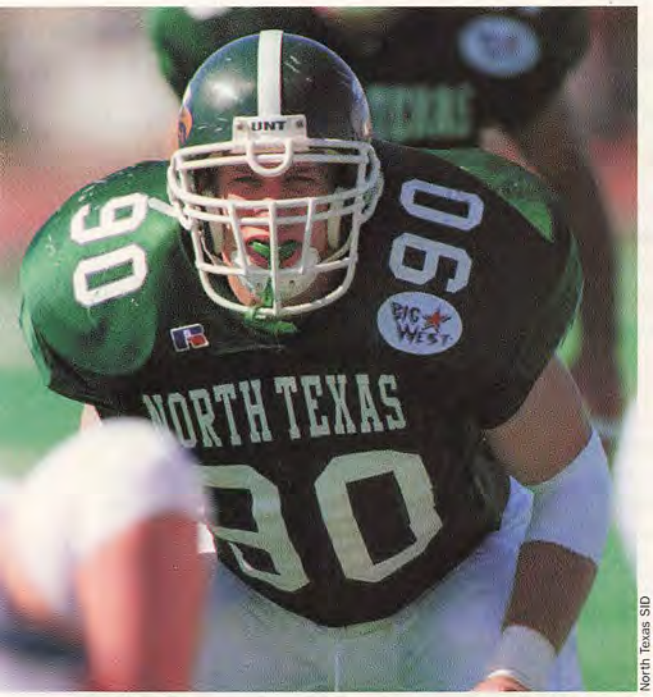
Head Coach: Andy McCollum — **2000 Record: 6–5**
2001 Prediction: 2nd Sun Belt — **Johnny Floyd Stadium (30,788)**

North Texas Eagles

95

After three years of struggling, head coach Darrell Dickey might have his North Texas Mean Green poised for a breakout year. There is experience on the offensive line, dominating players on defense and the quarterback job was settled before spring drills began.

For the first time since 1994, there is no quarterback controversy at North Texas.



North Texas SID

Brad Kassell

Sophomore Scott Hall put an end to any such discussion with a solid performance last season when he became the first freshman to lead UNT in total offense in more than a decade. Hall is the first quarterback in Darrell Dickey's tenure to be able to pass and run with equal efficiency in the option-oriented I-formation.

Junior Spencer Stack and senior Richard Bridges are are waiting in the wings, should Hall fall victim to a sophomore jinx.

2.7 North Texas has averaged fewer than three wins a year under Darrell Dickey. No one in Denton is making an issue of that fact right now. But they might if there is a repeat performance in 2001.

Just as Dickey finds a quarterback that can run his offense, he loses the best rusher in school history and a key backup. Ja'Quay Wilburn ran for more than 3,000 yards during his career, and Michael Hickmon quit the team just before spring practice.

Trying to fill the void will be junior Kevin Galbreath a JC transfer from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M. A trio of highly regarded freshmen will also contend this fall: Roy Bishop, Ja'Mel Branch and Patrick Cobbs.

Senior Robert Whitehead moves up to the starting fullback position on a full-time basis. Redshirt freshman Freddie Johnson is the backup.

The Mean Green bid adieu to its two leading receivers, Byron Curtis and LaDarrin McLane. Junior George Marshall and junior college transfer Michael Thrash emerged as the heirs after spring drills. Marshall can be productive but needs to work on his consistency.

The top two returning tight ends, Jeff Muenchow and Randy Gardner, combined to catch only six passes in UNT's run-oriented attack.

Four starters return on the offensive line and all of them are underclassmen. Junior tackles J.R. Randle and Matt Turney are the veterans of the lot with Randle being a two-year starter.

Sophomore Nick Zuniga started at guard as a true freshman while sophomore Chris Land, the newcomer to the unit, steps up to a starting role at guard. Sophomore center Ian Hobbs started every game last year as a redshirt freshman.

Last year the Mean Green defensive line was an area of inexperience with no returning starters. It's just the opposite this year.

They don't make them more stout than 5'10", 325-pound sophomore tackle Brandon Kennedy. He was named to the All-Big West second team as a true freshman last year.

There is depth at the other tackle spot where senior Alex Pahulu is listed ahead of last year's starter, Chris McIver. Pahulu saw limited action last year after transferring from SMU, while McIver, a junior, was named to the All-Big West second team.

A similar situation exists at end where sophomore Luke Conder is listed ahead of senior Ron Paris, who recorded 43 tackles in 2000. Sophomore Chris Ridgeway gets the nod at the other end.

Senior middle linebacker Brad Kassell is UNT's top candidate for postseason honors. He was a unanimous first-team All-Big West selection last year, led the team with 115 tackles and tied for the conference lead with four interceptions.

Lending support at the linebacking slots are sophomores Taylor Casey and Cody Spencer. Casey is a superb athlete who Dickey hopes can develop into a Kassell-caliber performer.

Two starters return in the secondary: junior cornerback Don McGee and sophomore free safety Craig Jones. McGee has a knack for the big play, as he tied Kassell for the conference lead with four interceptions and added two blocked kicks.

Junior Ty Jackson moves up to a starting role at the other corner with Jonas Buckles slated for duty at strong safety.

Senior Jason Ball will handle all punting and kicking duties for the Mean Green. Ball was hampered by a hamstring injury last fall.

Jackson is back to return punts after leading the Big West in return average in 2000.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR	8	Michael Thrash (Jr., 0)	82	Corie Massey (Sr., 1)
LT	**78**	**Matt Turney (Jr., 2)**	54	Jonathan Jusiewicz (Fr., 0)
LG	79	Chris Land (So., 1)	61	Mark Molamphy (Jr., 0)
C	**70**	**Ian Hobbs (So., 1)**	57	Andy Brewster (Fr., 0)
RG	**77**	**Nick Zuniga (So., 1)**	67	Travis Matlock (So., 0)
RT	**76**	**J.R. Randle (Jr., 2)**	72	Brad Woosley (Sr., 1)
TE	**89**	**Jeff Muenchow (Jr., 2)**	88	Randy Gardner (So., 1)
QB	**11**	**Scott Hall (So., 1)**	16	Richard Bridges (Sr., 3)
FB	36	Robert Whitehead (Sr., 3)	39	Freddie Johnson (Fr., 0)
RB	3	Michael Hickmon (Jr., 2)	5	Kevin Galbreath (Jr., 0)
WR	6	George Marshall (Jr., 2)	81	Brent DeGroot (Sr., 2)

Defense (6)

DE	65	Luke Conder (So., 1)	**56**	**Ron Paris (Sr., 3)**
DT	**92**	**Brandon Kennedy (So., 1)**	95	Evan Cardwell (Fr., 0)
DT	73	Alex Pahulu (Sr., 1)	**98**	**Chris McIver (Jr., 2)**
DE	91	Chris Ridgeway (So., 1)	87	Eric Bridges (Jr., 1)
LB	**90**	**Brad Kassell (Sr., 3)**	46	Cougar McBride (Fr., 0)
LB	4	Taylor Casey (So., 1)	42	Luke Coe (Fr., 0)
LB	48	Cody Spencer (So., 1)	24	Justin Claborn (So., 1)
SS	1	Jonas Buckles (Fr., 0)	32	Nathan Roberts (So., 0)
FS	**22**	**Craig Jones (So., 1)**	27	Robert Conrad (Jr., 2)
CB	**20**	**Don McGee (Jr., 2)**	19	Will Chinn (Sr., 2)
CB	23	Ty Jackson (Jr., 1)	45	Dominque Mackey (Fr., 0)

Special Teams

K	29	Jason Ball (Sr., 2)
P	29	Jason Ball (Sr., 2)
KR	23	Ty Jackson (Jr., 1)
PR	23	Ty Jackson (Jr., 1)

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Head Coach: Darrell Dickey — **2000 Record (Big West): 3-8 (1-4)**
2001 Prediction: 3rd Sun Belt — **Fouts Field (30,500)**

Ball State Cardinals

96

The folks at Ball State are feeling pretty good after finishing the 2000 season with five wins in the last seven games. That was good enough for a 5–6 overall record and third place in the Mid-American Conference's Western Division.

It was also five wins more than the previous season. The Cardinals' one-year turnaround tied for the second-best improvement in Division I-A last season.

Ball State SID

Talmadge Hill

"Those are positive signs we can build on for the upcoming season," says coach Bill Lynch, who guided the Cardinals to the 1996 MAC title and a berth in the Las Vegas Bowl. "We worked very hard over the winter to get ready."

208 The rushing yardage per game for Ball State in the final five games of the 2000 season. In the first four games of the season, the Cardinals rushed for only 90.5 yards per game.

Quarterback Talmadge Hill was named the MAC Freshman of the Year last season after leading the Cardinals with 1,711 yards of total offense. Hill took over the starting spot in the fifth game of the season and led Ball State to a 5–2 record.

He ranked fourth in the conference and 34th in the nation in passing efficiency, while throwing for 1,455 yards and 13 touchdowns. Hill is also mobile and a threat outside the pocket. Last year he was the team's third-leading rusher with 256 yards on 88 carries.

Hill will be backed up by fifth-year senior Brian Conn, who played in all 11 games last season.

Marcus Merriweather finished fourth in the MAC in rushing last fall with 1,004 yards and became only the ninth Ball State back to top the 1,000-yard plateau. The Cardinals' rushing attack averaged 164.8 yards per game, good for sixth in the league and 34th in the nation.

Anthony Jones, who ran for 515 yards last fall, and Jason Teeters will provide depth in the Cardinals' backfield. Otis Shannon, Indiana's Mr. Football, may also see some time on the field as a true freshman.

Sean Schembra, who led the team with 484 yards receiving, is back. So is senior David Westbrook, who caught 27 passes for 422 yards and six touchdowns.

Junior Nick Dunbar and seniors Tony Ajibade, Jamar Cottee and Bill Lynch will battle for playing time as well.

Juniors Jon Eckert and Tim Streit will handle the work at tight end, but they only caught a total of seven passes last season.

Left guard David Miller, center Colin Johnson and tackle John Moore anchor a unit that paved the way for over 3,500 total yards last season.

"This group is the cornerstone of our offense," Lynch says. "Add to our returning starters five returning lettermen, and we are looking for good things."

Kris Berry is slated to start at left tackle and Lavar Charleston is the top choice for the right guard spot.

Ball State returns three starters on the defensive line: ends Evan Triggs and Rachman Crable and tackle Mark Zackery. Triggs recorded 55 tackles, including six for loss, while Zackery had three sacks.

Greg Pagnard, a sophomore who played in eight games in a reserve role last fall, is the leading candidate to start next to Zackery as BSU's other tackle.

Sophomore Lorenzo Scott also is huge in the middle. He led the Cardinals in tackles with 96 and added two interceptions, three pass break-ups and four quarterback hurries. Inside linebacker Shaka Johnson finished second on the team last season with 73 tackles and added a pair of sacks.

Returning starters Cornelius Bowick and Vernard Alsberry are battling for one outside linebacker position in Ball State's 4-4 alignment. Senior Alger Boswell is the favorite for the other outside 'backer position.

Ball State, which starts just three defensive backs, ranked 34th in the nation in pass defense a year ago.

All three starters return, led by safety Jade Winchell, who finished third on the team with 72 tackles and tied for second with five pass break-ups. Cornerbacks Steve Monson and Jesse Avant combined for just two interceptions last season.

Mike Langford and Thomas Pucke both struggled while sharing the Cardinals' kicking duties last fall.

Reggie Hodges is the likely candidate to handle BSU's punting once again.

Billy Lynch and Sean Schembra will probably return punts and kicks, respectively, after handling the bulk of those duties last season.

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR	**82 David Westbrook (Sr., 2)**	4 Jamar Cottee (Sr., 2)
LT	78 Kris Berry (So., 1)	85 Joel Hofmann (So., 1)
LG	**79 David Miller (Jr., 2)**	63 Nathan Boyd (Sr., 2)
C	**64 Colin Johnson (Jr., 2)**	77 Mike Jantzen (So., 0)
RG	67 Lavar Charleston (Sr., 2)	62 Travis Barclay (So., 1)
RT	**61 John Moore (Sr., 3)**	77 Jeff Ramsey (Fr., 0)
TE	80 Jon Eckert (Jr., 1)	84 Tim Streit (Jr., 2)
QB	**15 Talmadge Hill (So., 1)**	9 Brian Conn (Sr., 3)
FB	**38 Scott Volk (Jr., 2)**	28 Dan Sprouls (Fr., 0)
RB	**44 Marcus Merriweather (Jr., 2)**	7 Anthony Jones (Sr., 2)
WR	**83 Sean Schembra (Jr., 2)**	21 Billy Lynch (Sr., 2)

Defense (9)

DE	**76 Evan Triggs (Sr., 2)**	45 Paul Strabavy (So., 1)
DT	55 Greg Pagnard (So., 1)	93 Jerome Tilmon (Fr., 0)
DT	**72 Mark Zackery (Sr., 3)**	52 Keith Anderson (Fr., 0)
DE	92 Rachman Crable (Sr., 3)	46 Jonas Williams (Jr., 2)
LB	**35 Cornelius Bowick (Sr., 2)**	**8 Vernard Alsberry (Sr., 3)**
LB	**58 Shaka Johnson (Sr., 3)**	36 Allen Lidy (Sr., 3)
LB	**47 Lorenzo Scott (So., 1)**	91 Brent Walker (Sr., 3)
LB	3 Alger Boswell (Sr., 3)	20 Wayne Washington (So., 1)
S	**17 Jade Winchell (Jr., 2)**	16 Doug Owusu (So., 1)
CB	**19 Steve Monson (Jr., 2)**	39 Quentin Manley (So., 1)
CB	**1 Jesse Avant (Jr., 1)**	13 Chickaro Martin (Sr., 2)

Special Teams

K	41 Thomas Pucke (Sr., 3)
P	14 Reggie Hodges (So., 1)
KR	83 Sean Schembra (Jr., 2)
PR	21 Billy Lynch (Sr., 2)

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Head Coach: Bill Lynch — **2000 Record (MAC): 5–6 (4–3)**
2001 Prediction: 4th MAC West — **Ball State Stadium (23,600)**

New Mexico Lobos

97

Rocky Long has done enough in his first three years as New Mexico's coach to merit a three-year contract extension. The accompanying expectation is that he will do a lot more.

In a town where they remember Dennis Franchione winning a conference divisional championship before leaving for TCU, Long's 12–23 record is hardly cause for rejoicing. Luckily, he left much room for improvement after his first season, and the Lobos have moved in the right direction since then. Now, they want to keep going that way — and fast.

"We need to get over that hump," Long says. Doesn't everybody?

John Bettencourt

Brian Johnson

30 Thirty years have passed since Rocky Long was the WAC Offensive Player of the Year as New Mexico's quarterback.

As one of two JC transfers at quarterback, Rudy Caamano took over in the third game of the 2000 season and remained the starter. That means he shoulders much of the blame for New Mexico ranking last in the Mountain West in passing at 118.6 yards a game.

The passing game "must have improved" in spring practice, says offensive coordinator Dan Dodd. "There's no way it could be worse."

Dodd called for more passing plays during the spring, and Caamano showed the improvement that was expected of a second-year starter. UNM's offense asks the quarterback to run the option, and Dodd wants Caamano to make better decisions as both a runner and passer.

Beyond the quarterbacking problems, Holmon Wiggins and Jarrod Baxter were also responsible for Dodd's choice to run two-thirds of the time last season. Wiggins gained 727 yards and Baxter added 559. Dodd wants Wiggins to be more elusive, to "make the first guy miss," and expand his game outside the tackles.

In an effort to upgrade the Lobos' receiving corps, Long signed two JC prospects and changed the assignments of three offensive coaches. The most improved receivers in the spring were two former reserves, Rashaun Sanders and Terrence Thomas, who combined for only three catches in 2000. Veterans Dwight Counter and Kirk Robbins remain in the mix.

The offensive line helped UNM rank third in the Mountain West in rushing at 148.0 yards a game, but that's a little deceiving because the Lobos averaged only 3.2 yards a carry.

The best lineman, guard Jason Lenzmeier, missed the spring after breaking his leg in the final game. Tackle B.J. Long and guard Jeremy Sorenson are decent players, and two young linemen have a chance to raise the line's level of play. Justin Colburn is still growing and will challenge returning starter Rashad McClure at center.

The defensive line's improvement was the main reason the Lobo defense rose to No. 2 in the conference, allowing 309.4 yards a game. But two of the three starters are gone. The returnee is all-conference end Brian Johnson, who had 9.5 sacks and has bulked up to nearly 300 pounds.

Defensive coordinator Bronco Mendenhall is sorting through six players for the other two line spots, and he will use them all, as is the case throughout the defense. Converted linebacker Antonio Manning could start at end and Adrian Terry is a quick, though undersized, nose tackle.

There might not be a standout at linebacker, but Mendenhall expects this unit to become the strength of the defense. He plans to rely more on athletes and less on schemes to make an impact, with the likes of Charles Moss and Gary Davis outside and Mohammed Konte in the middle. Konte is a former walk-on who finished fifth on the team in tackles in 2000.

So what's the lobo? That's the position Chicago Bears star Brian Urlacher made famous at New Mexico, a hybrid linebacker-defensive back. The 3-3-5 scheme calls for three safeties, including the lobo, who lines up in different spots. Scott Gerhardt played the position in several games last year and "proved he could do it," Mendenhall says.

The other safeties are Brandon Ratcliff, who missed spring practice to focus on academics, and Terrell Golden. Ratcliff's absence gave JC transfer David Hall a chance to play. Stephen Persley is solid at one corner and JC transfer David Crockett looks like an upgrade on the other side.

With punter Cort Moffitt and kicker Vladimir Borombozin, UNM features one of the top kicking tandems in the MWC.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR	8	Dwight Counter (So., 1)	80	Kirk Robbins (Sr., 3)
WR	24	Joe Manning (Jr., 1)	81	Terrence Thomas (So., 1)
TE	88	Mike Augustyniak (Fr., 0)	85	Joe Fiola (Jr., 2)
LT	**62**	**B.J. Long (Sr., 3)**	68	Eric May (Jr., 1)
LG	**74**	**Jeremy Sorenson (Sr., 1)**	77	Brian Choi (Jr., 2)
C	**66**	**Rashad McClure (Jr., 2)**	64	Justin Colburn (So., 1)
RG	75	Jason Lenzmeier (So., 1)	76	Claude Terrell (Fr., 0)
RT	70	Jon Oliver (Sr., 2)	72	Nate Hembree (Fr., 0)
QB	**12**	**Rudy Caamano (Jr., 1)**	7	Jeremy Denson (Jr., 0)
FB	**28**	**Jarrod Baxter (Sr., 3)**	34	Landrick Brody (Fr., 0)
TB	**33**	**Holmon Wiggins (Sr., 3)**	31	Javier Hanson (Sr., 1)

Defense (7)

LE	45	Antonio Manning (Sr., 1)	99	Tony Mazotti (Sr., 1)
NT	95	Adrian Terry (Jr., 2)	60	Guillermo Morrison (So., 1)
RE	**47**	**Brian Johnson (Sr., 3)**	98	D.J. Renteria (So., 1)
LB	**51**	**Charles Moss (Jr., 2)**	39	Shannon Kincaid (So., 1)
LB	**17**	**Mohammed Konte (Sr., 3)**	32	Domingo Villarruel (Fr., 0)
LB	**4**	**Gary Davis (Sr., 1)**	97	Amos Wilson (Sr., 1)
Lobo	**6**	**Scott Gerhardt (Sr., 3)**	29	Kevin Walton (Fr., 0)
S	**9**	**Brandon Ratcliff (So., 1)**	41	Ricky Davis (Sr., 1)
S	3	Terrell Golden (So., 1)	2	Edwin Garrett (Sr., 2)
CB	**23**	**Stephen Persley (Sr., 3)**	30	Joe Henderson (Fr., 0)
CB		David Crockett (Jr., 0)	7	Dante Childress (Sr., 1)

Special Teams

K	14	Vladimir Borombozin (Sr., 1)
P	38	Cort Moffitt (Jr., 2)
KR	9	Brandon Ratcliff (So., 1)
PR	33	Holmon Wiggins (Sr., 3)

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Head Coach: Rocky Long — **2000 Record (MWC): 5–7 (3–4)**
2001 Prediction: 7th MWC — **University Stadium (37,000)**

SMU Mustangs

98

The key word around SMU this season is experience. Nineteen — count 'em, nineteen — starters return for fifth-year head coach Mike Cavan, including seven that earned some type of All-WAC accolade. An amazing 40 out of 44 members of the Mustangs' final two-deep are back.

"You know that old saying that if you had 11 wins (the previous season) you'd be glad to have 20 starters back?" Cavan chuckles. SMU, however, is coming off a 3–9 campaign and a tie for sixth place in the WAC with a 2–6 conference mark.

Chris Covatta

Vic Viloria

Quarterback is one of the few positions on offense that doesn't feature a returning starter. Josh McCown, the Mustangs' starter in 2000 who threw for 1,969 yards, decided to transfer at the end of the season.

Perhaps he was hearing the footsteps of sophomore Kelan Luker, whom Cavan is very high on, and junior David Page, a part-time starter who had a solid year, completing 57.7 percent of his passes for 541 yards.

19 Number of returning starters for the Mustangs, tied for the most in the WAC.

Junior running back Kris Briggs, a second team All-WAC pick, returns after rushing for 829 yards and three touchdowns as a sophomore. He also showed his versatility by catching 38 passes, which placed him fifth nationally among running backs.

Sophomore Keylon Kincade, redshirt freshman Derron Brown and incoming freshman ShanDerrick Charles, who rushed for 3,995 yards and scored 42 touchdowns in his prep career, will back up Briggs.

If the Mustangs can avoid the injuries that plagued them in 2000, the receivers could be the strength of the offense.

Junior Chris "The Comet" Cunningham enters the year already ranked 14th in school history in receptions with 84, including 45 last season.

Cody Cardwell, who had 24 receptions last season despite missing the final three games with a broken hand, also returns as does speedster Johnnie Freeman, a converted running back who led the Mustangs with five touchdown catches. Billy Ford provides the Mustangs with a big target down the middle.

SMU's best receiver, however, may be junior tight end John Hampton, who caught a team-high 46 passes and scored four touchdowns last season. Michael Brown will join Hampton on the field when the Mustangs go to two-tight end formations.

Three starters return on the offensive line including senior left tackle Joey Slaten and senior left guard James McCarthy, both three-year starters.

Junior right guard Thornton Chandler also returns as does senior Kevin Gober, who started five games at guard in 2000 for an injured Chandler. Cory Fross, Judson Davis, Sterling Harris, Steve Reindl and Townsend Hargis are also in the mix for playing time.

The Mustangs lack some size but not experience or depth on the defensive line.

Seniors Kevin Aldridge, Johnson Patman and Markus Pratt return to play at the end positions, along with impressive redshirt freshman Melvin Williams.

Lute Croy returns at one tackle spot along with Warrie Birdwell, an honorable mention All-WAC pick. Chris Post and John David Blagg provide good depth.

Vic Viloria returns at middle linebacker and is the leader of a deep and veteran group. He was a second team All-WAC pick who led the conference in tackles in 2000 with 126.

Jarrian James and B.J. Williams both return after starting part of 2000 at outside linebacker. Senior Corey Riley and sophomore Brian Bischoff combined for 12 starts and 136 tackles a year ago but are slated to back up James at one outside spot. Junior Khalid Beard and redshirt freshman D.D. Lee will back up Williams.

The entire secondary returns following a tough 2000 campaign that saw the Mustangs torched for 21 touchdown passes.

Cornerback Kevin Garrett leads the unit after earning second team All-WAC recognition. Starting opposite of Garrett will be Jonas Rutledge, who had 10 passes broken up in 11 starts as a redshirt freshman.

Ruben Moodley figures to see some time at free safety. Leroy Price returns at strong safety, although impressive redshirt freshman Rico Harris could earn a starting spot.

Cavan is high on two incoming freshmen, kicker/punter Russ Davis and kicker Chris McMurtray, and plans to open all special teams positions in fall camp.

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

LT	**67**	**Joey Slaten (Sr., 3)**	73	Judson Davis (Jr., 0)
LG	**74**	**James McCarthy (Sr., 3)**	75	Sterling Harris (So., 1)
C	69	Steve Reindl (So., 0)	60	Eric Neal (Fr., 0)
RG	**58**	**Thornton Chandler (Jr., 2)**	72	Kevin Gober (Sr., 2)
RT	70	Townsend Hargis (Fr., 0)	65	Cory Fross (Sr., 2)
TE	**86**	**John Hampton (Jr., 2)**	41	Michael Brown (Sr., 3)
WR	**21**	**Chris Cunningham (Jr., 2)**	18	Ryan Riddle (So., 0)
WR	**5**	**Johnnie Freeman (Jr., 2)**	25	Cody Cardwell (Jr., 2)
WR	**17**	**Billy Ford (Jr., 2)**	23	Jason Pipkins (Sr., 2)
QB	7	Kelan Luker (So., 1)	12	David Page (Jr., 1)
RB	**24**	**Kris Briggs (Jr., 2)**	32	Keylon Kincade (So., 1)

Defense (11)

DE	51	Johnson Patman (Sr., 3)	**56**	**Markus Pratt (Sr., 3)**
DT	**50**	**Warrie Birdwell (Jr., 2)**	98	John David Blagg (So., 0)
DT	**92**	**Lute Croy (Jr., 2)**	95	Chris Post (Sr., 3)
DE	**11**	**Kevin Aldridge (Sr., 3)**	90	Melvin Williams (Fr., 0)
LB	**42**	**B.J. Williams (Jr., 2)**	9	Khalid Beard (Jr., 2)
LB	**55**	**Vic Viloria (Jr., 2)**	38	Devonric Johnson (Jr., 2)
LB	**45**	**Jarrian James (So., 1)**	53	Corey Riley (Sr., 2)
CB	**3**	**Jonas Rutledge (So., 1)**	29	Brent Briggs (Jr., 2)
SS	**8**	**Leroy Price (So., 1)**	6	Rico Harris (Fr., 0)
FS	**4**	**Ruben Moodley (So., 1)**	10	Matt Rushbrook (So., 1)
CB	**1**	**Kevin Garrett (Jr., 2)**	34	Wesley Medlock (Fr., 0)

Special Teams

P	16	Adam Walterscheid (Sr., 3)
K	43	Jacob Crowley (Sr., 1)
KR	21	Chris Cunningham (Jr., 2)
PR	21	Chris Cunningham (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Mike Cavan — **2000 Record (WAC): 3–9 (2–6)**
2001 Prediction: 7th WAC — **Gerald J. Ford Stadium (32,000)**

Akron Zips

99

Akron came so close last season. The Zips finished in a first-place tie with Marshall in the Mid-American Conference's Eastern Division. But thanks to the Thundering Herd's 31–28 late-October win at Akron, it was Marshall, not the Zips who advanced to the league championship game.

"We have a lot to be proud of," says Akron coach Lee Owens, who has guided the Zips to back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since the mid-1980s. "It's no small accomplishment to share the division title. We were one step away from going to the MAC Championship game."

Akron SID

Brandon Payne

> **3** The Zips lost three games a year ago in which they scored at least 28 points. New defensive coordinator Bob Morris is busy trying to strengthen a defense that allowed more than 400 yards per game.

That's what the Zips are shooting for this season. But it's going to be tough without record-breaking quarterback Butchie Washington and standout wide receiver Lavel Bailey. The Zips have history on their side though. Akron is 9–2 against MAC East opponents the last two seasons, losing only to Miami in 1999 and Marshall in 2000.

Several players will battle for the difficult job of replacing Washington, a second-team All-MAC pick a year ago. Nick Sparks, an athletic transfer from West Virginia, has the edge over the rest of the quarterbacks based on his scout-team performance last year. Senior Ryan Uhlenhake, who has played in eight games in his career, will fight for the job as well.

Akron is stacked in the backfield. Tailback Brandon Payne, second-team All-MAC a year ago, rushed for 1,062 yards and 13 touchdowns as a sophomore. He's also a serious threat as a receiver. Last season he caught 22 passes for 211 yards and three touchdowns. Payne was the team's top scorer last season with 96 points.

Junior McCray, Bob Hendry and Canadian recruit Thomas Plummer will back up Payne. But there's very little, if any, experience in that bunch.

Matt Zuercher and Dan Basch will split time at fullback.

Senior Jake Schifino is the top returning player at the wideout spot. He caught 42 passes last year for 778 yards and four touchdowns. Schifino will need help from senior tight end Tim Ritley, who is back after earning All-MAC honors. The rest of the receiving duties will be handled by a group that includes sophomores Matthew Cherry and Bates Szakos and senior Andrew Wilson.

The offensive line will be anchored by two key returning players — tackles Konrad Dean and Jeff Grzeskowiak, who shared the team's Outstanding Lineman award last season. Right guard Paul Ondrusek and center Scott Smith are also returning starters. Sophomore Bryan Shaw will be asked to step in at left guard, the only vacancy on the line.

On defense, there's a lot of experience up front as eight players are expected to see time. Sophomore end Dwayne LeFall recorded 4.5 sacks last year and improved as the season wore on. He and tackle Ryan Schulz return, but a replacement must be found for tackle Jermaine Williams. Junior Ryan Gargasz will man the other defensive end spot once again

Sophomore Quenton Murdock and senior Chris Smith are expected to play significant roles on the line as well.

There are question marks at linebacker. Terrell Colbert, Ryan Myers, Ed March and Eric Culberson have enough experience to hold down the fort at two of the positions. But the third is up for grabs as Owens admits he's having trouble replacing Louis Mackey, who finished last season second on the team with 66 tackles. Mike Young will likely start.

Corvin Amos (the only returning starter in the secondary), junior college transfer Kris Williams, Rickey McKenzie, Maurice Taylor, and John Fuller will all figure into the mix in the defensive backfield.

Brad Detwiler has seen a lot of time at strong safety the last two seasons, but there are others who want his spot.

Marcus Suber, out of Sacramento City College, will be a factor. True freshman Brendon Banks could also have an impact at either strong safety or outside linebacker.

The placekicking rests on the foot of senior Zac Derr, who is close to becoming the program's third all-time leading scorer. Sophomore Andy Jerdon is the punter again. Record-breaking kick returner Jimmie Gray is gone. A search for his replacement has yielded several capable candidates.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE	**41 Jake Schifino (Sr., 3)**	87 Andrew Wilson (Sr., 2)
LT	**79 Konrad Dean (Sr., 1)**	69 Aaron Conley (Fr., 0)
LG	70 Bryan Shaw (So., 1)	78 Jud Cummins (So., 0)
C	**50 Scott Smith (Sr., 3)**	61 Jim Borrieci (Fr., 0)
RG	**73 Paul Ondrusek (Sr., 3)**	65 Aaron Feller (Fr., 0)
RT	**72 Jeff Grzeskowiak (Sr., 3)**	71 Mike Grzeskowiak (Fr., 0)
TE	**82 Tim Ritley (Sr., 3)**	38 Nick Fortener (Jr., 2)
QB	9 Nick Sparks (So., 0)	12 Ryan Uhlenhake (Sr., 3)
FB	35 Matt Zuercher (Sr., 3)	36 Dan Basch (So., 1)
RB	**28 Brandon Payne (Jr., 2)**	42 Bob Hendry (So., 1)
FL	2 Matthew Cherry (So., 1)	80 Bates Szakos (So., 1)

Defense (6)

DE	**94 Ryan Gargasz (Jr., 2)**	86 Marques Hayes (So., 1)
DT	59 Chris Smith (Sr., 3)	67 Quenton Murdock (So., 1)
DT	**93 Ryan Schulz (Jr., 2)**	60 John Kelley (Fr., 0)
DE	**83 Dwayne Lefall (So., 1)**	92 Doug Sutton (So., 1)
LB	**96 Ed March (Sr., 3)**	4 Eric Culberson (Sr., 1)
LB	**48 Terrell Colbert (Sr., 1)**	56 Ryan Myers (Jr., 1)
LB	3 Mike Young (Sr., 3)	45 Robert Jackson (Fr., 0)
SS	23 Brad Detwiler (Sr., 2)	31 Jason Hartman (Jr., 1)
FS	21 Kris Williams (Jr., 0)	18 John Fuller (Fr., 0)
CB	10 Maurice Taylor (So., 1)	40 Rickey McKenzie (So., 1)
CB	**8 Corvin Amos (Jr., 2)**	24 Rickie Coble (Sr., 3)

Special Teams

K	14 Zac Derr (Sr., 3)
P	46 Andy Jerdon (So., 1)
KR	13 Junior McCray (Jr., 2)
PR	28 Brandon Payne (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Lee Owens — **2000 Record (MAC): 6–5 (5–3)**
2001 Prediction: 4th MAC East — **Rubber Bowl (35,202)**

Rice Owls

100

Remember that old quiz show, "Name That Tune"? Well, Rice football fans played a different version of that game in 2000. It was called "Name That Quarterback."

The injury-plagued Owls played four different QBs, and thanks to injuries, none managed to start back-to-back games. "It was just one of those things," eighth-year Owls coach Ken Hatfield says. "On the third play of our opener against Houston, Jeremy Hurd took a helmet on a finger on his passing hand and broke it. We had to play a walk-on quarterback at Oklahoma. Whoever was healthy got to start each week."

Chris Covatta

Dan Dawson

6 Number of touchdown passes thrown by Rice quarterbacks last season. The Owls ranked 114th in the nation in passing with an average of only 81.5 yards per game.

Hurd, who played in six games despite the broken finger and a later knee injury, returns for his sophomore year and will start. Senior Corey Evans, who was slowed by hamstring and knee problems a year ago but still played in eight games, also is back, as is sophomore Kyle Herm, who had a big game in a losing cause against UTEP last year.

Hurd, Evans and Herm have all proven they have the speed and athletic ability to run the option. All three have had games in which they rushed for at least 90 yards.

A strong, veteran group of running backs returns, led by senior fullback Jamie Tyler, who paced the Owls with 400 yards rushing last season. Tyler's backup, Robbie Beck, also had a big season, scoring a team-high seven touchdowns while finishing third in rushing.

Leroy Bradley, who averaged 4.7 yards per carry, is the likely starter at left halfback, while Sean White, who has good hands coming out of the backfield, will start at right halfback.

The Owls spent more time in the spring working on their passing game to make better use of split end Gavin Booth, a talented 6'2" target who caught a team-high 18 passes for 313 yards.

Gilbert Okoronkwo backs up Boothe and had 11 receptions a year ago. Speedster Brandon Boyd and Matt Webber also figure to see plenty of action.

Left tackle Rod Beavan, a second team All-WAC pick who set a school record for career starts with 47, departs, but the rest of the starting offensive line returns.

Heath Fowler, who earned honorable mention All-WAC honors last season, moves to right guard after starting every game at left guard in 2000. He'll line up next to Billy Harvin, who started every game at right tackle last season. Anthony Mowry will take over for Beavan at left tackle while Keith Meyer will move into Fowler's old left guard spot.

The big news is that All-WAC candidate Aaron Sandoval, who missed all of 2000 with a knee injury, returns at center.

The Owls lose a good one in defensive end Jake Jackson, who led the squad with 10 tackles for a loss in 2000.

Big things are expected from defensive tackle B.J. Forguson, an honorable mention All-WAC performer in 1999 who battled through an injury-plagued season in 2000. Larry Brown returns at nose guard and, combined with a healthy Forguson, should make it difficult for Rice opponents to run up the middle.

Brandon Green, a five-game starter in 2000, is at one defensive end spot, while Clint Johnson and Nick Sabula will battle for the other end vacated by Jackson.

Outside linebacker Dan Dawson was a second team All-WAC pick in 2000 after racking up 88 tackles and intercepting seven passes. The other two linebacker spots will be manned by a pair of three-year starters, Joe Bob Thompson and Rashard Pittman.

Hatfield is hoping a group of talented newcomers can improve things in the secondary this fall. "We have some good young talent there, but it's just inexperienced," Hatfield says.

The good news is that Jason Hebert, a three-year starter at free safety, returns, as does right corner Kenny Smith. Jason Benjamin is expected to take over at left corner, while junior Greg Gatlin is the front-runner at strong safety.

Travis Hale, a second team All-WAC punter who averaged 41.8 yards and had 17 of his 54 kicks downed inside the 20, returns to head up a strong special teams unit.

Derek Crabtree, who connected on 8-of-12 field goals and was an honorable mention All-WAC pick, returns to handle the placekicking duties.

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

SE	**81 Gavin Boothe (So., 1)**	16	Gilbert Okoronkwo (Sr., 3)
LT	76 Anthony Mowry (Sr., 1)	66	Paxton Corder (So., 1)
LG	75 Keith Meyer (Jr., 1)	53	Greg Wilson (Fr., 0)
C	73 Aaron Sandoval (Sr., 3)	**52**	**Ben Stephens (So., 1)**
RG	**65 Heath Fowler (Sr., 3)**	**77**	**Ryan Smith (Sr., 2)**
RT	**74 Billy Harvin (Sr., 3)**	68	Clint Crisp (Jr., 0)
TE	**86 Brandon Manning (Sr., 3)**	82	Travis Thompson (Jr., 2)
QB	14 Jeremy Hurd (So., 1)	1	Kyle Herm (So., 1)
HB	**26 Leroy Bradley (Sr., 3)**	21	Derek Gary (Sr., 2)
FB	**37 Jamie Tyler (Sr., 3)**	41	Robbie Beck (So., 1)
HB	25 Sean White (Jr., 2)	32	Vincent Hawkins (Jr., 2)

Defense (6)

LE	87 Brandon Green (Jr., 2)	48	Rene Aninao (Fr., 0)
DT	96 B.J. Forguson (Sr., 3)	78	Ross Lassley (So., 1)
NG	**99 Larry Brown (Sr., 3)**	91	Jonathan Chism (So., 1)
RE	56 Clint Johnson (Sr., 3)	46	Nick Sabula (Jr., 2)
LB	**47 Rashard Pittman (Sr., 3)**	4	Jeff Vanover (So., 1)
LB	**43 Joe Bob Thompson (Sr., 3)**	42	Justin Engler (Jr., 1)
LB	**30 Dan Dawson (Sr., 3)**	17	Antwan Shell (Jr., 2)
LC	2 Jason Benjamin (So., 0)	19	Clifford Sparks (Fr., 0)
RC	**9 Kenny Smith (Sr., 3)**	29	Raymorris Barnes (Fr., 0)
SS	40 Greg Gatlin (Jr., 2)	10	Terry Holley (Fr., 0)
FS	**13 Jason Hebert (Sr., 3)**	20	Patrick Dendy (Fr., 0)

Special Teams

K	12 Derek Crabtree (Sr., 3)
P	8 Travis Hale (Jr., 2)
KR	25 Sean White (Jr., 2)
PR	2 Jason Benjamin (So., 0)

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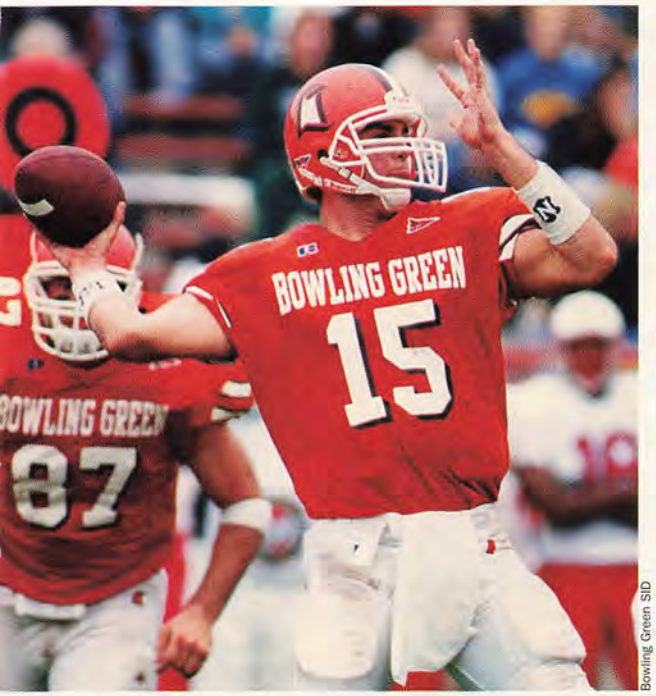
Head Coach: Ken Hatfield — **2000 Record (WAC): 3–8 (2–6)**
2001 Prediction: 8th WAC — **Rice Stadium (70,000)**

Bowling Green Falcons 101

Bowling Green has seen better days. The Falcons rank second in the history of the Mid-American Conference with 201 league wins and 10 conference titles. The team's .611 winning percentage is third all-time.

But Bowling Green didn't look the part last season when it finished 2–9, the school's worst record since 1953. That's the bad part.



Bowling Green SID

Andy Sahm

The good part is that 46 letterwinners and 18 starters are back. The Falcons also have a new coach in Urban Meyer, who spent the past five seasons as an assistant at Notre Dame.

> **174** The Bowling Green offense scored only 174 points last year, the fewest since the 1990 Falcons scored 138 on their way to a 3–5–2 season.

"If there is one strength I have it's getting guys to play hard," Meyer says. "That's the number one enjoyment I have right now."

Bowling Green's offense should be productive, considering that all but 65 rushing yards, 24 receiving yards and one touchdown will be back this season.

Andy Sahm threw for 1,490 yards and eight touchdowns in 10 games last season. He also took off running at times, including a 45-yard touchdown run against Kent State.

Sahm will be pushed by sophomore Josh Harris, who split time between quarterback and tailback last fall. Harris was the Falcons' second-leading rusher, and he gained 103 yards against Miami (Ohio) in his only start at running back.

John Gibson led the team in rushing last season with 514 yards and four touchdowns. He began last season as a fullback, but moved to tailback when Godfrey Lewis and Joe Alls went down with injuries.

Lewis and Alls are now back, but Gibson is the established starter.

Senior David Bautista was the team's offensive MVP last season after catching 69 passes for 915 yards. He finished second in the conference in both categories.

Kurt Gerling, who has now caught a pass in 29 consecutive games, is another proven weapon in the Falcons' passing attack. Robert Redd and Aaron Alexander, who combined for more than 1,000 yards receiving in '99, will provide quality depth.

Tight ends Jason Van Dam and Ross Durham are also reliable pass catchers.

Right tackle Malcolm Robinson and left guard/center Jon Mazur started every game last season. Mazur is most likely moving to center full-time, making redshirt freshman Andrew Hart the top candidate at left guard. At right guard, Greg Kupke has made eight career starts, while Kupke's back-up, Mike Bodnar, comes into the season with six starts under his belt. Dennis Wendel is penciled in at the all-important left tackle spot.

The Falcon defense ranked fourth in the MAC in total defense and rush defense and tallied 30 sacks, second-best in the league.

All-MAC senior nose guard Brandon Hicks is the anchor of the defensive line. He finished last season among the conference leaders in sacks (7.5) and tackles for a loss with 14. He also had two blocked kicks, a pass deflection, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.

Senior end Ryan Wingrove is also back, along with junior D.J. Owchar, who had 27 tackles and four pass deflections last season. Wingrove was second on the team with 13 tackles for a loss and 5.5 sacks.

There's plenty of experience at linebacker. Weak-side 'backer Khary Campbell should be a force after leading the team in tackles last year with 95. He also returned an interception for a touchdown. Chris Haneline had 48 stops last year manning the middle, and the third starter, weak-side linebacker Garry Fisher, recorded 44 tackles.

Cornerback Janssen Patton drives the pass defense. He was third in the conference last year with four interceptions. Michael Malone started the final 10 games of the 2000 season and is expected to start opposite Patton.

Strong safety Chad Long is back after starting 33 consecutive games. Free safety Sergio Lund, who finished third on the team with 70 tackles last fall, rounds out the starting group.

Junior punter Pat Fleming (40.0 yards per punt) was the main reason Bowling Green finished third in the conference in net punting last season. Freshman Nate Fry and sophomore Phillip Messer will battle to take over placekicking duties from Mike Knapp.

Alls averaged 13.7 yards per punt return last season. He'll likely take kicks while Long returns punts.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR	**4**	**Kurt Gerling (Sr., 3)**	83	Kevin Poindexter (Fr., 0)
TE	80	Jason Van Dam (So., 1)	**86**	**Ross Durham (Jr., 2)**
LT	78	Dennis Wendel (Jr., 2)	70	Beau Carmon (So., 0)
LG	62	Andrew Hart (Fr., 0)	73	Scott Mruczkowski (Fr., 0)
C	**72**	**Jon Mazur (Jr., 2)**	61	Ryan Yeager (Jr., 0)
RG	66	Greg Kupke (Jr., 2)	68	Mike Bodnar (Sr., 2)
RT	**76**	**Malcolm Robinson (Sr., 2)**	64	Anthony Forgione (So., 0)
QB	**15**	**Andy Sahm (Jr., 2)**	5	Josh Harris (So., 1)
HB	5	Robert Redd (Jr., 2)	8	Andre Pinchem (So., 1)
RB	**27**	**John Gibson (Sr., 3)**	23	Godfrey Lewis (Jr., 2)
WR	**18**	**David Bautista (Sr., 1)**	12	Aaron Alexander (Sr., 3)

Defense (9)

DE	54	Chris Glantzis (Sr., 1)	97	Will Teague (Jr., 1)
DT	**88**	**D.J. Owchar (Jr., 2)**	93	Alex Glantzis (Jr., 2)
NG	**92**	**Brandon Hicks (Sr., 3)**	67	Andy Grubb (Fr., 0)
DE	**90**	**Ryan Wingrove (Sr., 2)**	59	Rick Mauer (So., 0)
LB	**2**	**Khary Campbell (Sr., 3)**	35	Mitch Hewitt (So., 1)
LB	**10**	**Garry Fisher (Sr., 3)**	33	Geno Burden (Jr., 2)
LB	50	Chris Haneline (Jr., 2)	28	Marcus Allen (Jr., 2)
SS	**26**	**Chad Long (Sr., 3)**	3	Karl Rose (Sr., 2)
FS	**9**	**Sergio Lund (Sr., 3)**	7	Andre Davis (So., 1)
CB	**20**	**Janssen Patton (So., 1)**	21	Royce McKinney (Fr., 0)
CB	**30**	**Michael Malone (So., 1)**	19	Jason Morton (So., 1)

Special Teams

K		Phillip Messer (So., 0)
P	48	Pat Fleming (Jr., 2)
KR	22	Joe Alls (Jr., 2)
PR	26	Chad Long (Sr., 3)

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Head Coach: Urban Meyer — **2000 Record (MAC): 2-9 (2-6)**
2001 Prediction: 5th MAC East — **Doyt Perry Stadium (30,599)**

Army Cadets

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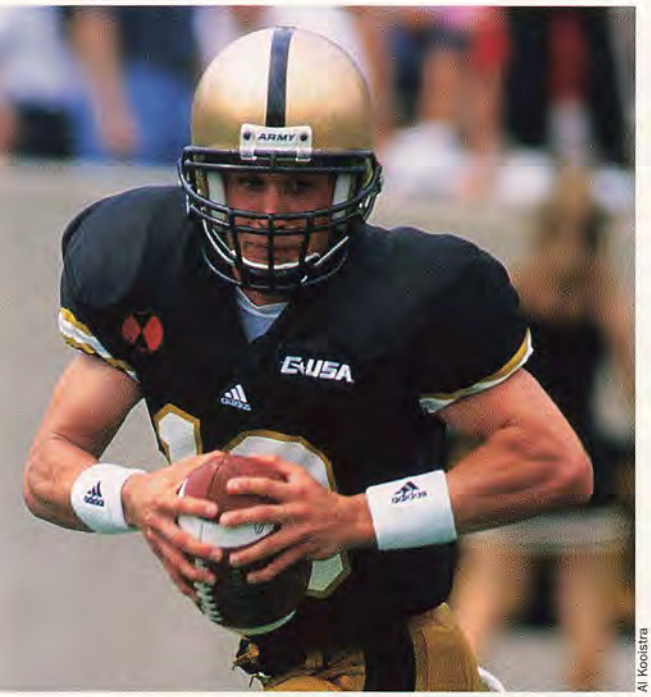
Todd Berry spoke about the tradition of Army football, the beauty of the Hudson Valley and his reverence for West Point. Still, Berry knew his debut as the Black Knights' head coach would be trying.

Army struggled while moving from its traditional wishbone to a wide-open passing attack, one that may have entertained fans at Michie Stadium but didn't do much for the team's win-loss record.



Al Koolstra

Chad Jenkins

Now that the first year has passed, Berry is looking forward to honing the one-back offense that experienced more than its share of growing pains.

Chad Jenkins and Curtis Zervic, two quarterbacks with different styles, are expected to compete for the starting job.

5.8 The average number of yards per play the Army defense allowed in 2000. The Black Knights yielded an average of 439.7 yards per game.

Jenkins, who won the position before the start of last season, is an intense competitor with mobility. Berry wants him to work on moving in the pocket so he can become a more effective passer. He has a strong enough arm to excel in Berry's system. Zervic, who was out of football in 1999, got extensive playing time last year after injuries sidelined Jenkins and Joe Gerena.

Josh Holden and D.J. Stancil are poised to take over for 1,000-yard rusher Michael Wallace. Holden, the team's third-leading rusher a year ago, is a physical runner with good quickness, but he doesn't possess breakaway speed. Stancil catches the ball well out of the backfield and is an elusive runner.

Alton McCallum, who rushed for 231 yards last year, was a candidate to move into a starting role in the backfield, but was moved to tight end.

The Black Knights return 13 of 15 players who caught at least one pass last fall. Among them are seniors Omari Thompson and Calvin Smith. Thompson benefitted from the new offense; he increased his catches from eight in 1999 to 40 in 2000.

Berry also expects Anthony Miller to emerge. Miller, a speedster, has soft hands and is a fearless receiver. Brian Bruenton is a tall receiver who runs precise routes.

Tight end Clint Dodson was the team's second-leading receiver a year ago. His size (6'4") poses match-up problems and he is effective at picking up yardage after the catch. He missed spring camp due to a knee surgery.

Offensive lineman Paul Henderson is projected to move from right to left tackle. He is fundamentally sound and uses his size and quickness to excel. Henderson and senior Dustin Plumadore are the only returning starters from the 2000 unit. Plumadore, a two-year starter at right guard, was moved to center during the spring to replace two-year starter Brandon Calhoun, who was injured late in the 2000 season.

The anchor of the Army defensive line will be junior Clarence Holmes, who missed time in 2000 with an ankle injury. The coaches expect him to blossom into an impact player in Army's aggressive, blitzing scheme.

Another junior, Paddy Heiliger, broke into the starting lineup last season. He and Holmes should make it difficult for teams trying to run between the tackles.

At end, senior Brandon Perdue started 10 games a year ago and excelled in Army's new defensive set. Senior David McCracken and sophomore Odene Brathwaite will battle for the other defensive end spot.

In their 4-4 scheme, the Black Knights put a lot of responsibility on their inside linebackers. Juniors Mike Lennox, Warren Stewart and Jason Frazier, along with senior B.J. Wiley, should battle for the starting jobs.

Senior Brian Zickefoose flourished at sniper, a hybrid strong safety/outside linebacker position, and finished second in the conference with 128 tackles and led the team with three interceptions. Zickefoose is also one of the quickest on the team at getting to the quarterback.

Seniors Ben Woodruff, a converted free safety, and Ben Edgar are the leading candidates to fill the other outside spot.

Senior Brent Dial will likely take over the free safety position vacated by Woodruff. Dial possesses strong cover skills and has big-play ability. Junior Maurio Smith has the skills to develop into a solid cover corner. Smith is considered one of the best athletes on the team and had an impressive off-season, maturing considerably as a player.

Senior Dan MacElroy returns at punter, but there is uncertainty at kicker.

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

TE	**89**	**Clint Dodson (Sr., 2)**	44	Tyler Sheble (Sr., 1)
LT	**72**	**Paul Henderson (Sr., 2)**	74	Jared Churchill (Sr., 1)
LG	70	Aaron Burger (Jr., 1)	61	Steve Schmidt (Jr., 0)
C	**68**	**Dustin Plumadore (Sr., 2)**	**56**	**Nolan Gordon (Sr., 1)**
RG	57	Alex Moore (Jr., 0)	53	Mike Hastings (Jr., 1)
RT	79	Craig Cunningham (Jr., 1)	74	Jared Churchill (Sr., 1)
QB	**10**	**Chad Jenkins (Sr., 2)**	16	Curtis Zervic (Jr., 1)
RB	28	Josh Holden (Jr., 1)	25	D.J. Stancil (So., 1)
WR	**8**	**Calvin Smith (Sr., 2)**	82	Brian Bruenton (Sr., 1)
WR	88	Anthony Miller (So., 1)	11	Chris Pestel (Jr., 1)
WR	**3**	**Omari Thompson (Sr., 2)**	**26**	**Aris Comeaux (Jr., 1)**

Defense (5)

DE	45	David McCracken (Sr., 2)	95	Odene Brathwaite (So., 1)
DT	**96**	**Paddy Heiliger (Jr., 1)**	58	Brian Horvath (Jr., 1)
DT	99	Clarence Holmes (Jr., 2)	98	Doug Larsen (Jr., 1)
DE	**51**	**Brandon Perdue (Sr., 1)**	87	Jesse Hall (So., 0)
LB	19	Ben Edgar (Sr., 2)	5	Ben Woodruff (Sr., 2)
LB	48	Warren Stewart (Jr., 1)	46	Mike Lennox (Jr., 1)
LB	**52**	**Jason Frazier (Jr., 2)**	50	B.J. Wiley (Sr., 1)
LB	**36**	**Brian Zickefoose (Sr., 2)**	30	Jay Thomas (So., 1)
CB	31	Brandon Dickens (Sr., 2)	13	Emiko Terry (Jr., 1)
FS	**21**	**Brent Dial (Sr., 3)**	23	Martin Pierce (Jr., 0)
CB	18	Maurio Smith (Jr., 1)	27	Thomas Roberts (So., 0)

Special Teams

K	60	Zachary Kaye (So., 0)
P	14	Dan MacElroy (Sr., 1)
KR	3	Omari Thompson (Sr., 2)
PR	3	Omari Thompson (Sr., 2)

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Head Coach: Todd Berry — **2000 Record (C-USA): 1-10 (1-6)**
2001 Prediction: 10th C-USA — **Michie Stadium (39,929)**

Navy Midshipmen

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It was a tumultuous off-season for Navy. Two days after defeating archrival Army to avoid only the second winless season in school history, coach Charlie Weatherbie fired three assistants and demoted another.

New offensive coordinator Mark Hudspeth intends to install a more wide-open attack that features no huddle, shotgun and multiple receivers. New defensive coordinator Rick Lantz changed Navy's defense from a 3–4 to a 4–3 alignment and plans to develop an attacking style featuring stunts and blitzes.

Charles Small

Raheem Lambert

Navy hopes to have Brian Madden back under center. After a superb sophomore season, Madden missed 2000 while recovering from knee surgery. He was the nation's No. 1 rushing quarterback in 1999. The big question is whether Madden can throw effectively enough to execute Hudspeth's offense.

> **27** Career completions by starting quarterback Brian Madden, who will now be asked to direct a "quick passing" attack.

Raheem Lambert, the primary ballcarrier in 2000, must adjust his mindset now that he's a "superback" as opposed to a fullback. Lambert will line up differently and won't be running nearly as many belly plays. Lambert has just two career receptions, but Hudspeth believes he has the tools to be effective.

Slot backs will remain a part of the Navy offensive package, but they'll flank out as receivers more often. Gene Reese is the fastest, most elusive slot back on the roster.

Donnie Fricks started two games in place of Reese in 2000 and was battling Brad Tepper for the other slot back spot. Tony Lane is more of a potential gamebreaker.

Hudspeth will use five receivers in some formations. Dominic Bailey and Chandler Sims are the only receivers to have caught more than one pass. At 6'4" and 210, Sims projects as a possession-type receiver. Jeff Gaddy runs a 4.45 40, so Hudspeth would like to get him on the field. He had a breakout spring camp.

All but one offensive line starter has graduated, leaving a major rebuilding job. There is size up front as the projected starters average 286 pounds per man.

Powerful Brian Schulz, who started seven games at left guard, switches to center. Brett Cochrane, Dan Venuto and John Jeffery all saw playing time last season. Left tackle is up for grabs between converted tight end Jim Zakar and Carl Hazlewood.

The key figure along the defensive front is end Michael Wagoner, a tenacious competitor who led all defensive linemen in tackles (46) in 2000. Weatherbie likes his big-play potential.

At left end will be Eric Severson, who saw considerable action as a junior playing behind Wagoner and the departed Brad Wimsatt.

Andy Zetts is the top interior lineman after starting eight games at nose guard last season. Zetts tends to be quicker than opposing centers and guards. Josh Brindel, who split time at nose guard with Zetts last season, will be the right tackle. "This is the most athletic defensive line we've had in my tenure," Weatherbie says.

Linebacking will be a major strength, which is why many were surprised by the switch to the 4–3. Best of the bunch is captain Jake Bowen, a tough-as-nails type who had 72 tackles last season.

Navy is hoping Ryan Hamilton regains the form he showed as a sophomore. Hamilton suffered a season-ending knee injury in the fourth game of 2000.

Ben Mathews and Eddie Carthan both saw significant action as plebes due to injuries and impressed with their potential. Mathews will likely start on the right side. Carthan, fast and athletic but in need of more weight, figures to back up Hamilton and Mathews.

Lantz likes the cornerback duo of Marcus Jackson and Shalimar Brazier. Jackson ranked fourth on the team with 47 tackles while Brazier showed the ability to be a big-time cover corner.

Coaches think senior Matt Brooks can follow in the footsteps of free safeties Jamie Doffermyre and Chris Lepore. Brooks, one of the fastest members of the secondary, has instincts and a desire to hit.

DeJuan Cromer returns at strong safety after starting 10 games in 2000. He plays the run and pass equally well.

Kicker David Hills made 9-of-12 field goals and 17-of-18 extra point attempts. He hopes to improve his range. Punting is a question mark as the Mids graduated a good one in Brian Williams. The position was wide open entering the spring with Eric Rolfs and Mason Burk battling.

Depth Chart

Offense (3)

WR	6	Chandler Sims (Jr., 1)	14	Mark Tedrow (So., 0)
SB	**5**	**Gene Reese (Jr., 2)**	21	Tony Lane (So., 0)
LT	89	Jim Zakar (Jr., 0)	60	Carl Hazlewood (So., 0)
LG	61	Travis Peace (Jr., 0)	71	Matt Nye (Jr., 0)
C	**75**	**Brian Schulz (Sr., 1)**	76	Ben Eastburn (Jr., 0)
RG	72	Brett Cochrane (Jr., 1)	68	Dan Venuto (Sr., 1)
RT	64	John Jeffery (Sr., 0)	77	David Walsh (Jr., 0)
SB	39	Donnie Fricks (Jr., 1)	35	Brad Tepper (Jr., 0)
WR	3	Dominic Bailey (Jr., 1)	40	Jeff Gaddy (Sr., 2)
QB	8	Brian Madden (Sr., 1)	10	Ed Malinowski (Sr., 1)
RB	**32**	**Raheem Lambert (Sr., 2)**	23	Marlon Terrell (Sr., 2)

Defense (5)

LE	93	Eric Severson (Sr., 1)	47	Dan Person (Jr., 0)
LT	**97**	**Andy Zetts (Jr., 1)**	92	Matt Berger (Sr., 0)
RT	54	Josh Brindel (Jr., 1)	99	Joey Owmby (Jr., 0)
RE	**90**	**Michael Wagoner (Sr., 2)**	88	Glenn Schatz (Jr., 0)
LLB	58	Ryan Hamilton (Sr., 2)	56	Eddie Carthan (So., 1)
MLB	**1**	**Jake Bowen (Sr., 2)**	49	Mike Chiesl (Sr., 1)
RLB	50	Ben Mathews (So., 1)	56	Eddie Carthan (So., 1)
LC	16	Shalimar Brazier (So., 0)	36	David Bush (So., 0)
RC	**17**	**Marcus Jackson (Sr., 2)**	33	Clyde Clark (Jr., 1)
SS	**7**	**DeJuan Cromer (Sr., 2)**	28	Marc Giorgi (Jr., 1)
FS	9	Matt Brooks (Sr., 2)	13	Joey Fay (Jr., 0)

Special Teams

K	4	David Hills (Sr., 1)
P	2	Eric Rolfs (So., 0)
KR	34	Rashad Jamal (Sr., 1)
PR	84	Mike McIlravy (Jr., 0)

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Head Coach: Charlie Weatherbie **2000 Record: 1–10**
Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium (30,000)

Nevada Wolf Pack

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For Nevada coach Chris Tormey, there's only one way to go in his second year. Up. Tormey's first year in charge of the Wolf Pack was a disaster. Nevada finished 2–10 overall and 1–7 in its WAC debut, setting a school record for losses. The Wolf Pack offensive line yielded 17 quarterback sacks — in one game, against TCU.

The good (?) news for Wolf Pack fans is that a number of starters from that young squad return, including record-setting quarterback David Neill. And Tormey brought in a number of key recruits who should shore up some of the many holes. "A year ago, every position except quarterback was an unknown," Tormey says. "Now, at least, we have a point of reference to start from at most positions."

Chris Covatta

Nate Burleson

48 Nevada allowed 48 sacks in 2000, including 17 against TCU.

Neill already ranks as Nevada's career leader in passing yards (8,983), attempts (1,120) and total offense (9,427) and has 62 career touchdown passes to his credit. Neill played hurt much of last season when he completed 179-of-353 passes for 2,334 yards and 13 scores.

Nevada has good depth behind Neill. Brett Staninger played in 10 games last season and had a solid season. And UNLV transfer Matt Ray, a junior who started three games for the Rebels in 1999 but lost his starting job the following spring to Jason Thomas, is now eligible.

Running back seemed like a revolving door at times last year as injuries really took their toll on the Pack. Marquis Starks, last year's leading rusher with just 457 yards and a 2.9 average per carry, returns as does Adrien Dugas, who started four games before breaking his elbow. Also back is Josh Griffin, who was forced to abandon redshirting plans when injuries decimated the backfield.

The big news was the signing of Herman Ho-Ching, who began his career at Oregon. The Pack beat out in-state rival UNLV for the hard-nosed Ho-Ching, who John Robinson thought had the potential to be a 1,000-yard back for the Rebels this year.

Nevada welcomes back its top receivers from 2000, including all-conference candidate Nate Burleson, the team leader in all-purpose yards with 1,184 as well as receptions (57) and touchdown catches (eight). He has the size (6'2", 175) and speed to play in the NFL one day.

Junior Mike Crawford, who had 42 catches in just nine games, and sophomore Tim Fleming, who averaged 17.8 yards on his 25 receptions, also are back. And Tormey is very high on junior college transfer Dan Bythwood. Tight ends Scott Asai and Erick Streelman both return and will be joined by junior college transfer Bill Lynch.

Four offensive line starters return led by junior center Cody Johnson. Both guards, senior Kika Kaululaau and sophomore John Tennert, return, as does tackle Alan Parker. Nick Rae is expected to start at the other tackle spot.

Defensive tackle Horacio Leyva anchors what should be a much-improved unit. Leyva, a co-captain last year, will likely be joined inside by redshirt freshman Chris Barry, one of the strongest players on the squad.

Derek Kennard, Jr., who started five games last year and had 41 tackles, will man one of the defensive end spots with Brant Hill (two sacks) and Mike Yenick on the other side. One newcomer who could make a big impact on the line is junior tackle Johnnie Thomas, a transfer from Holmes (Miss.) JC who was an all-state pick at Chabot (Calif.) JC a year earlier.

The Pack loses a hard-nosed team leader in middle linebacker Josh Smith but still should be improved at this position. Jorge Cordova, who had a team-high 91 tackles and 4.5 sacks, will take over in the middle where he will be backed up by senior Jeff Peterson.

Daryl Towns will start at inside linebacker while Carl LaGrone and Alfred Akinyemi will battle for the starting outside linebacker spot. Sophomore Humphrey Garrett, who had 69 tackles as a true freshman, returns at rover.

Free safety Ronnie Hardiman was second on the team in tackles with 86 and is an All-WAC candidate. Also back are cornerbacks Domonic Cruz and Leondre Lewis although Tormey believes Aaron Dean and a couple of redshirt freshmen, Carlos Velasquez and Marlon McLaughlin, will see plenty of action.

Kicker Mike Phillips graduates and will be replaced either by Ray Sanchez, who handled kickoff duties last year, or highly touted redshirt freshman Damon Fine. Derek Jones, who averaged a solid 39.5 yards on an amazing 79 attempts, returns to handle the punting chores.

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

X	**80**	**Nate Burleson (Jr., 1)**	12	Aaron Carter (Jr., 2)
LT	76	Nick Rae (Sr., 1)	59	Harvey Dahl (Fr., 0)
LG	**62**	**Kika Kaululaau (Sr., 1)**	72	Nick Schneider (Fr., 0)
C	**66**	**Cody Johnson (Jr., 2)**	70	Turner Graham (Sr., 1)
RG	**67**	**John Tennert (So., 1)**	52	Sione Fehoko (So., 1)
RT	**77**	**Alan Parker (So., 1)**	71	Brian Barnes (Jr., 1)
TE	**84**	**Scott Asai (Sr., 1)**	85	Bill Lynch (Jr., 0)
QB	**11**	**David Neill (Sr., 3)**	10	Brett Staninger (Jr., 1)
RB		Herman Ho-Ching (Jr., 0)	5	Adrien Dugas (Sr., 3)
HB	**28**	**Mike Crawford (Jr., 1)**	15	Mo Jones (Sr., 3)
Z	**9**	**Tim Fleming (So., 1)**	3	Jermaine Brown (Jr., 2)

Defense (4)

DE	57	Derek Kennard Jr. (So., 1)	50	Leni Suiaunoa (Sr., 1)
DT	**90**	**Horacio Leyva (Sr., 3)**		Johnnie Thomas (Jr., 0)
DT	95	Chris Barry (Fr., 0)	94	Pat Estes (Sr., 3)
DE	92	Brant Hill (So., 1)	91	Mike Yenick (So., 1)
LB	51	Daryl Towns (So., 1)	53	Jesse Adarme (So., 1)
LB	**55**	**Jorge Cordova (So., 1)**	39	Jeff Peterson (Sr., 3)
LB	19	Carl LaGrone (So., 1)	40	Alfred Akinyemi (So., 0)
Rov	**29**	**Humphrey Garrett (So., 1)**	31	Tyrone Rackley (So., 1)
FS	**6**	**Ronnie Hardiman (So., 1)**	30	Brad Lindstrom (So., 1)
CB	17	Domonic Cruz (Jr., 1)	7	Aaron Dean (Jr., 2)
CB	1	Leondre Lewis (So., 1)	8	Marlon McLaughlin (Fr., 0)

Special Teams

K	26	Ray Sanchez (Sr., 2)
P	37	Derek Jones (So., 1)
KR	6	Ronnie Hardiman (So., 1)
PR	80	Nate Burleson (Jr., 1)

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Head Coach: Chris Tormey — **2000 Record (WAC): 2–10 (1–7)**
2001 Prediction: 9th WAC — **Mackay Stadium (31,545)**

Wyoming Cowboys

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There's something about finishing 1–10 that resonates more than just any lousy record. "There's great motivation to come back and prove something," says Vic Koenning, who lived through a winless Mountain West season as a first-year coach.

The Cowboys have all kinds of problems, but attitude is not one of them. The coaches rave about the players' drive to improve.

Paul Jasienski

Ryan McGuffey

"We're going to march the hill and get better," Koenning says.

Quarterback Jay Stoner's injuries allowed Casey Bramlet to play in five games as a freshman. Bramlet completed only 42 percent of his passes for 288 yards, yet that was enough to convince fellow backup Brandon Neill to transfer to Montana and offensive coordinator Rusty Burns to endorse Bramlet as a quarterback with a future. Arm strength and poise are Bramlet's best qualities, and Wyoming fans should rally around a homegrown quarterback.

16 The Cowboy defense registered only 16 sacks in 2000. They must become more disruptive.

The staff found a dependable running back combination with Nate Scott's quickness and Derek Armah's toughness. They combined for 1,160 yards, with Scott averaging nearly six yards a carry, thanks partly to a 95-yard sprint against Central Michigan. They should be adequate again, as long as Wyoming's offensive line improves.

Nobody did enough to salvage Wyoming's 2000 season, but receiver Ryan McGuffey sure tried. He led the Mountain West with 63 receptions, showing a willingness to catch the ball in traffic. Malcolm Floyd used his 6'6" body and leaping ability to make 43 catches, and Brock Ralph added 30 receptions, so the Cowboys are in excellent shape at the three starting positions.

Burns had to create a tight end, after Wyoming's previous scheme did not employ one. "That was our big weakness," he says. Kolby Drube tried to play the position at only 210 pounds and is trying to add weight.

Wyoming returns four of five offensive line starters, but they allowed a league-high 46 sacks and blocked for the Mountain's second-worst offense. So center Mike Irvin, tackles Adam Goldberg and Bill Bullert and guard Rob Kellerman must improve. Opposing coaches endorsed Goldberg, making him a second-team all-league choice as a sophomore, so the heat's on the other four.

Kellerman had to make an adjustment from tackle to guard, and Bullert made progress after stepping in at tackle, so Burns is confident the line will play better.

Injuries caused trouble for Wyoming's defense, which lost five starters. The consolation is that the injuries "forced us to play a lot of young kids," defensive coordinator Matt Wallerstedt says.

End Patrick Chukwurah, is gone. But with tackles Damon Roark and Daniel Gibson returning from injuries, Wallerstedt has the size he needs inside. Junior end Brandon Casavan is expected to have a breakout season after making seven tackles for loss. Replacing Chukwurah will be difficult; Jon Aimone could fit there after trying to play inside at only 233 pounds. Junior college transfer Josh Rollins also should help at end.

Leo Caires becomes the "pulse" of Wallerstedt's defense at outside linebacker after overcoming knee trouble. Herman White will battle Tyler Gottschalk for the start at middle linebacker. Tim Glynn, Matt Klotz and John Wilson will also be in the mix. And Jeremy Davis, who has three years of eligibility after transferring from Kentucky, could make an impact.

Wyoming coaches thought they had discovered a clever way to improve the offense when they moved Al Rich to running back. Now that a medical redshirt gave Rich another year, they are thrilled to have him at free safety. Lamar James is established at strong safety after improving steadily last year.

DaShawn Abram found a home at cornerback and Eric Lee also made a gradual adjustment to Division I-A football. The secondary will have to play much better, though, after grabbing only five interceptions.

Wyoming lost its kicker and punter. Jarvis Wallum is the probable kicker and Matt Swanson is the punter, although his job is not secure. Too bad the Cowboys did not get to kick off more often, because they allowed only 14.5 yards per return.

McGuffey averaged 7.9 yards on punt returns. Travis Short handled the bulk of kickoff returns, although Scott had the most success, a 28.6-yard average on seven returns.

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR	**80**	**Brock Ralph (Jr., 2)**	88	Malcolm Floyd (So., 1)
WR	**85**	**Ryan McGuffey (So., 1)**	18	Leonard Jones (So., 0)
LT	**71**	**Bill Bullert (Sr., 1)**	59	David Gough (Fr., 0)
LG	**79**	**Rob Kellerman (Jr., 2)**	76	Henry Randle (So., 0)
C	**64**	**Mike Irvin (Jr., 2)**	70	Trenton Franz (Fr., 0)
RG	72	Rano Sasa (So., 1)	55	Anthony Stannard (Jr., 0)
RT	**74**	**Adam Goldberg (Jr., 2)**	68	Kyle Huseby (Fr., 0)
TE	43	Kolby Drube (So., 1)	96	Joe Anderson (So., 1)
QB	14	Casey Bramlet (So., 1)	15	Matt Swanson (Sr., 3)
FB	**44**	**Darth Tesinsky (Sr., 3)**	31	Marcus Ford (Sr., 2)
RB	34	Nate Scott (Sr., 1)	**28**	**Derek Armah (So., 1)**

Defense (6)

DE	**91**	**Brandon Casavan (Jr., 2)**	99	Josh Rollins (Jr., 0)
NT	97	Chad Beuhler (Jr., 1)	58	Tam Pruitt (Jr., 2)
DT	53	Damon Roark (Sr., 1)	94	Daniel Gibson III (Sr., 0)
LB	12	Tim Glynn (Sr., 3)	95	John Aimone (Jr., 1)
LB	**50**	**Leo Caires (Sr., 3)**	22	Jason Jones (Sr., 1)
LB	54	Herman White (Jr., 2)	47	Tyler Gottschalk (So., 1)
LB	42	Matt Klotz (Sr., 3)	52	John Wilson (Jr., 2)
FC	**24**	**Eric Lee (Sr., 1)**	16	Roderrick Jackson (So., 1)
BC	**19**	**DaShawn Abram (Sr., 1)**	39	Ryan Calahan (So., 1)
SS	**9**	**Lamar James (Sr., 1)**	27	John Levingston, Jr. (So., 0)
FS	**3**	**Al Rich (Sr., 3)**	7	Jacque Finn (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	41	Jarvis Wallum (So., 0)
P	15	Matt Swanson (Sr., 3)
KR	16	Roderrick Jackson (So., 1)
PR	85	Ryan McGuffey (So., 1)

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Head Coach: Vic Koenning — **2000 Record (MWC): 1–10 (0–7)**
2001 Prediction: 8th MWC — **War Memorial Stadium (33,500)**

Central Michigan Chippewas

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There is a pretty simple explanation why Central Michigan managed just two wins in Mike DeBord's first season.

"We were terrible at running the football last year and we were terrible stopping the run," says DeBord, a former offensive coordinator at Michigan. "We will spend a lot of extra time in those areas before (this) season."

The Chippewas finished last in the MAC in rushing (92.4 yards per game) and last in stopping the run (267.6).

Central Michigan SID

Matt Brayton

But with 16 returning starters, including all five offensive linemen and all four defensive linemen, DeBord has reason to believe Central Michigan will be a more physical team in the trenches.

267.6 Central Michigan finished last among the 114 Division 1-A schools in rushing defense. The Chippewas allowed 267.6 yards per game and an average of 5.1 yards per rush.

Sophomore Derrick Vickers is back after passing for 1,059 yards and seven touchdowns in 2000. Vickers showed good poise for a freshman, throwing just five interceptions in 180 attempts.

Derek Gorney, who completed just one pass last season, is the likely backup.

The top three rushers return, led by Vince Webber, who rushed for 458 yards on 130 carries. Robbie Mixon (285 yards, one touchdown) only played in five games as a sophomore, but he'll be asked to contribute more this fall. Next on the depth chart is Kenan Lawhorne, who carried the ball 24 times for 86 yards.

CMU must find a replacement for fullback D.J. McClure, who caught seven passes for 30 yards as a senior.

With Ira Gooch and David Hannah — the Chippewas' top two receivers — lost to graduation, sophomore Steve Messam will be asked to play a leading role in CMU's passing game. Messam caught 22 passes last year for 288 yards and one touchdown.

The other three returning receivers — Rob Turner, Roderick Means and Willie Hill — combined for just 11 catches and 102 yards. Sophomores Charles Harris and Drew Donaldson will be asked to step in at tight end for the departed Eric Salani.

Every starter returns on an offensive line that must do a better job of run blocking. Senior Matt Brayton, a three-year starter, and junior Paul Brieger are back at the tackle spots. At the guard spots, sophomore Derek McLaughlin and junior Kyle Croskey return. Senior center Anders Hill is also back.

Hill and Croskey have started the last two seasons.

Defensively, four starters return to man the line. Ends Matt Reynolds and Cullen Jenkins combined for just 3.5 sacks last season, but did record a total 15 tackles for a loss. Reynolds' 64 tackles were fifth on the team, while Jenkins contributed 49 tackles and forced one fumble.

Tackle Marvin Smith enjoyed a productive sophomore season, collecting 75 tackles (10 for a loss) and a team-high three sacks. Middle guard Dominic Mancini (33 tackles, one sack) also returns.

Middle linebacker Darvin Lewis earned honorable mention All-MAC honors after registering 113 tackles and two sacks. He also had 13 stops for 38 yards in losses. Senior James Westrich (55 tackles) returns at one outside 'backer spot, but the graduation of Ralph Sewell leaves one position open. Sophomore Ed Hillery is a former reserve fighting for a starting role.

Central Michigan led the country in pass defense last season, allowing just 149.7 yards per game. But that figure is a bit misleading since the Chippewas had by far the nation's worst rushing defense. Why pass when you can run?

Tedaro France and Wayne Dudley, both three-year starters, are back at cornerback and will get support from rover Rodrico Epps. France had five interceptions for 63 yards to tie for second best in the MAC. The CMU secondary will be without Brian Leigeb, the school's all-time tackle leader, for the first time since 1996.

Punter Brian Brandt averaged 39.5 yards per boot last season. Kickers Adam Clyne and Paul Savich return after sharing the position last year. A notable loss on special teams will be four-year long-snapper Zach Poff.

Gooch and Hannah will not be around this year to help the return game. Wayne Dudley is the only return specialist with experience back this year.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR	7 Steve Messam (So., 1)	8 Rob Turner (Jr., 2)
LT	**79 Matt Brayton (Sr., 3)**	73 Tom Langton (So., 0)
LG	**60 Derek McLaughlin (So., 1)**	78 Erick Dumont (Jr., 2)
C	**59 Anders Hill (Sr., 3)**	61 Brandon Pitzer (Fr., 0)
RG	**57 Kyle Croskey (Jr., 2)**	78 Eric Dumont (Jr., 2)
RT	**63 Paul Brieger (Jr., 2)**	78 Eric Dumont (Jr., 2)
TE	90 Charles Harris (So., 1)	88 Drew Donaldson (So., 0)
QB	**10 Derrick Vickers (So., 1)**	15 Derek Gorney (Jr., 1)
FB	49 Adam Supianoski (So., 1)	44 Kyle Tafelski (So., 1)
RB	**2 Vince Webber (Jr., 2)**	6 Robbie Mixon (Jr., 2)
WR	16 Roderick Means (Jr., 1)	17 Willie Hill (So., 1)

Defense (9)

DE	**98 Matt Reynolds (Jr., 1)**	92 Ike Ajoku (So., 1)
DT	**58 Marvin Smith (Jr., 2)**	91 Jay Davidson (So., 1)
DT	**74 Dominic Mancini (Jr., 2)**	76 Josh Skeel (Sr., 1)
DE	**41 Cullen Jenkins (Jr., 2)**	56 Matt Wohlgemuth (So., 1)
LB	53 Ed Hillery (So., 1)	26 Jon Nelson (Fr., 0)
LB	**47 James Westrich (Sr., 3)**	52 Derrick Wallace (So., 1)
LB	**31 Darvin Lewis (Jr., 2)**	53 Ed Hillery (So., 1)
SS	**8 Rodrico Epps (Sr., 3)**	3 Finley Carter (Sr., 3)
FS	3 Finley Carter (Sr., 3)	5 Ron Bartell (Fr., 0)
CB	**1 Tedaro France (Sr., 3)**	27 Richard Kiel (Fr., 0)
CB	**4 Wayne Dudley (Sr., 3)**	13 James Gonzales (Jr., 1)

Special Teams

K	34 Adam Clyne (Jr., 1)
P	40 Brian Brandt (So., 0)
KR	4 Wayne Dudley (Sr., 3)
PR	8 Rob Turner (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Mike DeBord — **2000 Record (MAC): 2-9 (2-6)**
2001 Prediction: 5th MAC West — **Kelly/Shorts Stadium (30,199)**

New Mexico State Aggies

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New Mexico State returns 11 starters, five on offense, from a team that had no trouble putting points on the board, but always seemed to come up a few points short.

The Aggies played in six games that were decided by a touchdown or less and lost five of them. That translated into a 3–8 record.

Now two seasons removed from only its third winning campaign in 32 years, New Mexico State must find a way to make — or prevent — that one play that that can make a difference in a game, and ultimately a season.

New Mexico State SID

K.C. Enzminger

"We scored a lot of points last season and did some good things, but I thought we had too many turnovers and penalties," says fifth-year head coach Tony Samuel. "We are working hard to correct those problems. If we do, it will really improve our whole team."

> **4** New Mexico State will play only four of its 12 games at home this season.

K.C. Enzminger returns for his senior season and his third as the Aggies' starting quarterback. He ranks in the Top 10 in practically every significant statistical category at New Mexico State and is in the Top 5 in six. Enzminger was named to the All-Big West second-team last year, even though his production was off slightly from his sophomore season. He was down more than 400 yards in passing and up by three in interceptions. Enzminger has also rushed for more than 1,000 yards in his career.

At New Mexico State, they run first and ask questions later. The Aggies have been ranked in the Top 10 nationally in rushing yards per game for the past two seasons.

With the departure of leading rusher Chris Barnes (1,131) the torch is passed to his capable backup Kenton Keith (849), who led the team with 7.8 yards per carry.

The Aggies must also find a replacement for fullback Phil Branstetter. Junior Kermit Okamura was the backup last year, but if he is to move up and assume the starting role, he'll have to beat out senior Keeon Johnson, who returns after missing last season with an injury.

Junior flanker P.J. Winston was the most productive receiver last season and returns to his starting role. Senior Manwell Talbert, a returning starter, was second only to Winston in receptions and yardage. Junior Leon Oloya will be his backup.

The Aggies must find three new starters on the offensive line, but they welcome back guard Tony Wragge, a two-time All-Big West selection. Wragge is a three-year starter who helped clear the way for a rushing attack that generated nearly 275 yards per game in 2000. The other returning starter is junior left guard Shalimar Jackson.

Starting assignments at tackle will likely go to junior Terry Givens, a backup on the left side last year, and Jason Jewell.

Samuel is particularly interested in the battle at center between sophomore Andy Dale and senior Chad Kahlsdorf.

The Aggies look to be bigger and faster along the defensive front. That is evident at the tackle spot where true freshman Tommy Laborin is taller and stronger than his mentor, departed starter Oliver Soukup.

The two returning starters are nose tackle Joey Olivo, who started as a true freshman last year, and senior Mike Boganowski at right end. Senior Ryan Bakke moves up the depth chart at left end.

Two senior starters return to the linebacking corps — D'Wayne Taylor on the weak side and Jamar Lawrence on the strong side. Taylor has started since his freshman year.

Senior Mawuli Davis gets his chance to start in the wake of the departure of Raul Anaya.

The secondary must replace three starters, but one of the candidates, Tyrone Gifford, has star quality at free safety. "If Tyrone ever decides to take his game to another level, he will be as good as any player in the country," says Samuel.

The lone returning starter is senior cornerback Tony Lukins. Players who have paid their dues and will compete for starting assignments are junior Siddeeq Shabazz at rover, and seniors Paul Holland and Robert Canidate at cornerback.

Dario Aguiniga returns as placekicker after starting as a true freshman last year. Punter Andy Kohl graduated and the Aggies signed JC transfer Brian Copple to take his place.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

X	**84**	**Manwell Talbert (Sr., 1)**	18	Leon Oloya (Jr., 2)
LT	76	Jason Jewell (Sr., 1)	60	Trevor Kine (So., 1)
LG	**75**	**Shalimar Jackson (Jr., 2)**	63	Steve Subia (Fr., 0)
C	71	Andy Dale (So., 1)	50	Clay Vincent (Fr., 0)
RG	65	Tony Wragge (Sr., 3)	62	Brandon Chambers (Fr., 0)
RT	79	Terry Givens (Jr., 2)	73	Steve Mascorro (Jr., 2)
TE	**89**	**Alex Davis (So., 1)**	87	Michael Bangs (Sr., 1)
QB	**17**	**K.C. Enzminger (Sr., 3)**	11	Buck Pierce (Fr., 0)
FB	48	Keeon Johnson (Sr., 1)	36	Kermit Okamura (Jr., 2)
RB	20	Kenton Keith (Sr., 3)	22	Walter Taylor (Jr., 2)
Z	**19**	**P.J. Winston (Jr., 2)**	27	Ronshay Jenkins (So., 1)

Defense (6)

DE	57	Ryan Bakke (Sr., 1)	32	Traydell Bullock (So., 1)
DT	99	Tommy Laborin (So., 1)	90	Hayward Findley (Jr., 0)
DT	**45**	**Joe Olivo (So., 1)**	94	Jeremy Barth (Sr., 0)
DE	80	Mike Boganowski (Sr., 3)	91	Jeremiah Lay (Jr., 1)
LB	**41**	**Jamar Lawrence (Sr., 3)**	59	Michael Winter (So., 0)
LB	**47**	**Mawuli Davis (Sr., 3)**	29	Josh Watts (Sr., 1)
LB	**43**	**D'Wayne Taylor (Sr., 3)**	30	Simon Ocampo (Fr., 0)
SS	28	Siddeeq Shabazz (Jr., 2)	**10**	**Daniel Malloy (Sr., 1)**
FS	31	Tyrone Gifford (Jr., 2)	4	James Ewing (So., 1)
CB	**6**	**Tony Lukins (Sr., 3)**	1	Denarvis Warren (Fr., 0)
CB	3	Robert Canidate (Sr., 1)	2	Paul Holland (Sr., 1)

Special Teams

K	12	Dario Aguiniga (So., 1)
P	16	Brian Copple (Jr., 0)
KR	9	Corey Paul (Sr., 1)
PR	27	Ronshay Jenkins (So., 1)

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Head Coach: Tony Samuel — **2000 Record (Big West): 3–8 (1–4)**
2001 Prediction: 4th Sun Belt — **Aggie Memorial Stadium (15,449)**

Buffalo Bulls

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Jim Hofher is confident the University of Buffalo football program has a bright future in the Mid-American Conference. The Bulls' new coach just isn't sure how long it will be until Buffalo experiences success.

"You've got an infant. (Our program) is a baby in Division I," Hofher told a local paper after he was hired. "And what do babies do? They grow up. It's hard for me to think this won't become better and competitive. It's our job to make it happen as quickly as possible."

Buffalo SID

Andre Forde

Buffalo stumbled to a 2–9 season in Craig Cirbus' sixth and final season at UB. Hofher, the former quarterbacks coach at Syracuse, inherits a team which returns 11 starters, including its top passer, top five rushers and top three receivers.

41.1 Buffalo allowed 452 total points last year, an average of 41.1 per game. Three teams scored at least 50 points on the Bulls' defense.

Senior Joe Freedy, who has started 22 straight games, became one of only four Buffalo quarterbacks to throw for more than 2,000 yards in a season. Last fall, in the Bulls' second season back in Division I-A, Freedy completed 54.4 percent of his passes on his way to 2,060 yards and 14 touchdowns. He ranks in the top five all-time at UB in attempts (637), completions (335) and yards passing (3,835), and his 22 touchdowns are sixth all-time.

Beyond Freedy, no one has a shred of experience. The two backups, Adam Johnson and Randall Secky, redshirted last season.

Marquis Dwarte (611 yards) became the first freshman to lead Buffalo in rushing since 1994. Dwarte heads into preseason camp listed atop the Bulls' depth chart, but he will be challenged by senior Albert Grundy and junior Derrick Gordon. Grundy, a former JC transfer, rushed for 422 yards on just 80 carries and ran for a team-high four touchdowns.

The Bulls have as much coming back at wideout as any team in the conference. It starts with junior Andre Forde, who led UB last season with 36 catches for 590 yards and six touchdowns. Senior flanker Dahnel Singfield (33 catches, 485 yards) and sophomore Zeke McKine (416 yards receiving) will also be primary targets in the Bulls' attack.

Chad Bartoszek, who scored two touchdowns on just six receptions a year ago, replaces second-team All-MAC tight end Brandon Shaughnessy.

The men up front improved faster than any group on the field last year as five new starters meshed together. Buffalo is expecting another strong season from its line despite the loss of seniors David Pruce and Gabe Kogler. Key to the mix will be returning starters Tim Hedges and John Nolan, both seniors, and junior Matt Baniewicz. All three started the final eight games last season. They will get help from senior Josh Stello, a three-year starter who blew out his knee during summer workouts last year.

Nose tackle Bob Dzvonick will anchor a unit that will be making the transition to a 4–3 front under new coordinator Thurmond Moore. Dzvonick registered 33 tackles last year, including five for a loss. Omari Jordan is the likely starter at the other tackle position.

Duane Williams, a former linebacker, is expected to start at end, but sophomore Terrance Dawson emerged from spring practice atop the depth chart.

Buffalo has some rebuilding to do at linebacker. The Bulls lost two starters to graduation and another, Williams, to the defensive line. And Lamar Wilcher, who is expected to play a key role in 2001, is fighting back from a knee injury.

That leaves seniors Chris Shelly and Brandon Jordan to lead the linebacking corps. Shelly made 26 tackles last year. Jordan will move to the outside after making 37 stops as a junior.

Two of four secondary starters are gone, but cornerback Mark Graham (three interceptions in 2000) returns after a solid freshman year. The other cornerback will be Mike Lambert, who had 26 tackles last year. The free safety spot will most likely be manned by Craig Rohlfs, if he's healthy. Youdlain Marcellus and J.J. Gibson will battle to start at strong safety.

Dallas Pelz will handle the kicking and punting chores. Pelz averaged just 35.4 yards per punt last year and has yet to attempt an extra point or field goal in his collegiate career.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE	**81 Andre Forde (Jr., 2)**	80 Rob Barber (So., 1)
LT	79 Andy Avery (So., 0)	75 Erik Zeppuhar (Fr., 0)
LG	**66 Tim Hedges (Sr., 3)**	73 Josh Stello (Sr., 3)
C	**60 John Nolan (Sr., 1)**	65 Eric Weber (Fr., 0)
RG	63 Jeff Mills (So., 0)	72 Dan Minocchi (Fr., 0)
RT	**58 Matt Baniewicz (Jr., 2)**	71 Brian Johnessee (Sr., 2)
TE	84 Chad Bartoszek (Jr., 2)	27 Marvin Brereton (Sr., 3)
QB	**15 Joe Freedy (Sr., 2)**	11 Randall Secky (Fr., 0)
FB	41 Tom Schaughnessy (So., 1)	25 David Harvey-Bowen (So., 0)
RB	**28 Marquise Dwarte (So., 1)**	**31 Derrick Gordon (Sr., 3)**
WR	86 Zeke McKine (So., 1)	82 Dan Lindsay (Jr., 1)

Defense (4)

LB	38 Chris Shelly (Sr., 3)	92 Anthony Andriano (Fr., 0)
DT	91 Omari Jordan (Sr., 0)	78 Casey Russell (Fr., 0)
DT	**96 Bob Dzvonick (Sr., 3)**	50 Marcus Clarett (So., 1)
DE	95 Terrance Dawson (So., 0)	**99 Duane Williams (Sr., 1)**
LB	36 Brandon Jordan (Sr., 3)	55 Jason Montanez (Jr., 0)
LB	48 Rodney Morris (Fr., 0)	57 Hank Pirowski (Fr., 0)
LB	52 Demetrius Austrum (So., 1)	39 Ryan Buttles (Jr., 0)
SS	22 Youdlain Marcellus (Jr., 2)	26 J.J. Gibson (Fr., 0)
FS	**24 Craig Rohlfs (Sr., 3)**	9 Dahnel Singfield (Sr., 3)
CB	**35 Mike Lambert (Jr., 2)**	8 Geoff Terry (Jr., 0)
CB	4 Mark Graham (So., 1)	40 Terek Henderson (Fr., 0)

Special Teams

K	98	Dallas Pelz (So., 1)
P	98	Dallas Pelz (So., 1)
KR	9	Dahnel Singfield (Sr., 3)
PR	86	Zeke McKine (So., 1)

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Head Coach: Jim Hofher — **2000 Record (MAC): 2–9 (2–7)**
2001 Prediction: 6th MAC East — **UB Stadium (31,000)**

Eastern Michigan Eagles

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Eastern Michigan's 3–8 season was a learning experience — for both the Eagles' players and coaches. "There is no doubt that my first season was an education for me, my staff and our players," says second-year coach Jeff Woodruff.

"We wanted to come in here and build a program with pride and excitement and I think we accomplished those two things. But as the season progressed it was obvious that we needed to get stronger and faster to compete on this level."

Eastern Michigan SID

Kenny Philpot

For the first time in six seasons the Eagles headed into the off-season with questions at quarterback. "It's certainly a luxury to have quarterbacks like Charlie Batch and Walter Church in your program," Woodruff says. "Unfortunately that has all changed. But we still have confidence that one of the younger players will emerge to lead us."

60 Eastern Michigan recorded just 60 first downs rushing last year. Their opponents, on the other hand, racked up 110 rushing first downs.

Junior Troy Edwards is the top candidate, though junior college transfer Jeff Crooks will get a strong look as well. Edwards played sparingly his first two seasons at EMU, but he guided the Eagles to a win over Ball State in 1999 when Church went down with an injury.

Crooks could be used as a weapon on the ground. He rushed for 504 yards last season at Fullerton Junior College in California.

Sophomore Ashantti Watson is the top returning rusher. Forced into action as a true freshman, Watson, recruited to EMU as a wide receiver/defensive back, responded with 353 yards and four touchdowns.

Junior Rich Schutt, sophomore walk-on Sebastian Wolski and veteran Eric Powell will also vie for time in the crowded backfield.

The wide receiver position may be one of the deepest on this team. The Eagles return one of the most potent pass-catching duos in the nation. Kenny Christian and Kevin Walter combined for 133 catches, 1,529 yards and eight touchdowns in 2000.

Senior Jamal Stevens should also make some noise, and the coaching staff is high on senior transfer Chris Archie.

Veteran tight end Matt Kelly has graduated, but senior Brett Wells should adequately fill the void. Wells started the first three games last season before missing the rest of the season with a broken foot.

The offensive line will be given a boost by the return of three starters from last season.

Cory Annett started all 11 games last fall, eight at center and three at right guard. Left tackle John Grabowski has started the last 22 games. The other returning starter, senior right guard Rich Chorak, can play any position on the line.

Senior Craig Cipa's status is uncertain as he awaits a decision on a medical redshirt from the NCAA. Redshirt freshman Dan Davis, freshman Nick Suszan and senior Damian Tilley are all fighting for time at the two open positions.

The defensive line will be strong up the middle with the return of last season's starting tackles, seniors James Turner and Jari Brown, along with a part-time starter at left end, Elliott Daniels. Turner finished last season with 67 tackles, while Brown added 28. Senior Antone Hines (15 tackles in 2000) has the inside track at right end.

Strong-side linebacker Kenny Philpot, a senior, led the Eagles last year with 108 tackles. Playing next to him in the middle will be senior Scott Russell, who recorded 104 stops. The only linebacker that must be replaced is Jason Short, who is gone after making 79 tackles last year. Junior London Lyndsey has the inside track to replace Short on the outside.

Eastern Michigan returns three solid cornerbacks in Maurice Ryland (seven starts in 2000), Andrae Brooks (10 starts) and Erick Middleton (one start).

Junior Terrance Dills and sophomore David Huff battled all last season for time at strong safety and their competition should continue through pre-season camp. Josh Martin and Jereme Perry are fighting to start at free safety.

Senior kicker Toller Starnes is back after leading the team in scoring each of the past two seasons. But he will be pushed by Ohio State transfer Eric Klaban.

Junior college transfer David Rysko has the inside track to replace four-year punter Nick Avondet.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR	**7 Kenny Christian (Sr., 3)**	3 Jamal Stevens (Sr., 3)
LT	**77 John Grabowski (Sr., 3)**	69 Jonas Jackson (Sr., 1)
LG	59 Dan Davis (Fr., 0)	70 Nick Suszan (Fr., 0)
C	**73 Cory Annett (Sr., 3)**	63 Damian Tilley (Sr., 1)
RG	**64 Rich Chorak (Sr., 3)**	65 Steve Godbold (Fr., 0)
RT	67 Michael Johnson (So., 0)	75 Izaac Madril (Jr., 0)
TE	89 Brett Wells (So., 1)	85 Adam Jarosz (Fr., 0)
QB	16 Troy Edwards (Jr., 2)	8 Jeff Crooks (Jr., 0)
HB	86 Sam Anderson (Fr., 0)	48 Adam Jacobs (Fr., 0)
RB	13 Ashantti Watson (So., 1)	21 Rich Schutt (Jr., 1)
WR	**1 Kevin Walter (Jr., 2)**	83 Erik Ibom (Sr., 3)

Defense (7)

DE	56 Elliott Daniels (Jr., 2)	52 Chris Roberson (Jr., 0)
DT	**99 James Turner (Sr., 3)**	55 Anthony Bailey (Sr., 1)
DT	**93 Jari Brown (Sr., 2)**	72 Hammond Russell (Jr., 2)
DE	96 Antone Hines (Sr., 1)	98 Chris Reynolds (Jr., 0)
LB	**22 Kenny Philpot (Sr., 3)**	54 Dave Lusky (So., 1)
LB	**44 Scott Russell (Sr., 3)**	41 Braden Feucht (Fr., 0)
LB	11 London Lyndsey (Jr., 2)	18 Kevin Harrison (Fr., 0)
SS	26 Terrance Dills (Jr., 2)	**25 David Huff (So., 1)**
FS	43 Josh Martin (So., 1)	13 Jereme Perry (So., 1)
CB	**4 Maurice Ryland (Sr., 1)**	35 Nate Brooks (Fr., 0)
CB	29 Erick Middleton (Jr., 2)	**5 Andrae Brooks (Sr., 2)**

Special Teams

K	12 Toller Starnes (Sr., 3)
P	28 David Rysko (So., 0)
KR	7 Kenny Christian (Sr., 3)
PR	13 Ashantti Watson (So., 1)

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Head Coach: Jeff Woodruff — **2000 Record (MAC): 3–8 (2–5)**
2001 Prediction: 6th MAC West — **Rynearson Stadium (30,200)**

Louisiana Tech Bulldogs

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It was a routine question from a reporter, but it was a question that third-year Louisiana Tech head football coach Jack Bicknell still had to pause and think about for a moment.

The question: Which Bulldogs will challenge for all-conference honors in 2001?

"You know, we never had to worry about all-conference teams before," Bicknell replied.

La Tech SID

Luke McCown

That situation changes this year when Louisiana Tech joins the Western Athletic Conference.

"We're excited," says Bicknell, who has 13 starters back from a 3–9 squad. "We haven't played in a conference since (1995). It will be nice to know that we have some guaranteed bowls that we can shoot for."

> **41** Number of turnovers by the Bulldogs in 2000, the most in Division I-A. A team struggling in other areas could ill afford to be so casual with the football.

Sophomore quarterback Luke McCown earned some freshman All-America accolades after breaking four NCAA Division I-A freshman single-game records, including most completions (47) in a 38–28 loss at Auburn. Despite playing in just eight games, he still passed for 2,544 yards and 21 touchdowns.

Senior Brian Stallworth, who started the first four games for the Bulldogs and threw for 855 yards and seven touchdowns before injuring his knee, also returns.

The Bulldogs return their top three rushers from 2000, including all-everything senior John Simon, who rushed for a team-high 565 yards and also caught 72 passes for 711 more yards and four touchdowns.

Another back to keep an eye on is Joe Smith, a junior college transfer who redshirted in 2000 but had what Bicknell called "an outstanding spring."

Replacing wide receivers James Jordan, who led the nation with 109 receptions last season, and the dependable Sean Cangelosi will be one of Bicknell's biggest tasks in 2001.

"They were two of the best receivers around for a long time," Bicknell says.

The good news is that senior Delwyn Daigre returns. Daigre has caught at least one pass in 32 consecutive games and had 57 receptions for 662 yards and a team-high eight touchdowns.

No other returning receiver caught more than 10 passes last season.

Three starters return from a solid offensive line that allowed just 26 sacks despite the fact that the Bulldogs attempted 546 passes in 2000.

Bicknell is hoping that Logan Hulett, who has battled leg and back injuries the last two years, can step into the vacated left tackle spot. The rest of the line — center Shawn Murff, guards Thomas Coury and Randy Richard and tackle Damian Lavergne, an all-conference candidate — all return.

On the other side of the ball, Bicknell decided to switch from a 4-3 to a 3-4 defense after his undersized line was pushed around last season, allowing 211.0 yards per game on the ground. Plus, he doesn't need as many linemen, a scarce commodity.

Both starting defensive ends from a year ago, Carlin Thomas and Curtis Randall, have been moved to outside linebacker to better utilize their speed and quickness.

Brandon Avance returns at one tackle spot while Clint Ellsworth moves to defensive end. Jamie Nichols and junior Quincy Myles will likely alternate at nose tackle.

Thomas and Randall, who combined for 106 tackles on the line last season, will man the outside spots in the new 3-4 alignment. Gerome Wallace, who had 70 tackles, including three for a loss, will start at one inside spot, with sophomore Antonio Crow (20 tackles) and junior college transfer Chris Marshall likely sharing time at the other position.

The Bulldogs got a big break when rover Bobby Gray, who had a team-high 119 tackles, decided to return for his senior year after exploring his NFL options.

"He's the key guy in the whole defense," Bicknell says.

Michael John Lenard returns at free safety but could face a battle in fall camp for the position from JC transfer Quincy Davis. Senior Jason Olford and junior Willie Sheppard both return at cornerback.

Placekicker Josh Scobee (10-of-17 FGs) and punter Dustin Upton (35.9 avg.) both return after starting as true freshmen.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR	86 Allen Stark (Sr., 3)	87 Damien Newton (So., 1)
LT	73 Logan Hulett (Sr., 2)	67 Michael Gilmore (So., 1)
LG	79 Randy Richard (Sr., 3)	95 Clint Walker (So., 0)
C	**58 Shawn Murff (Jr., 2)**	60 Kiso Aab (Jr., 2)
RG	**77 Thomas Coury (Sr., 1)**	75 Tywoin Breaux (Sr., 1)
RT	**70 Damian Lavergne (Jr., 2)**	76 Clarence Casey (So., 0)
QB	**11 Luke McCown (So., 1)**	7 Brian Stallworth (Sr., 3)
RB	**8 John Simon (Sr., 3)**	6 Corey Addison (Jr., 2)
XR	**9 Delwyn Daigre (Sr., 3)**	82 Ahmad Harris (Jr., 0)
YR	39 Frank Thompson (Sr., 1)	88 Jerron Wishom (Fr., 0)
ZR	14 D.J. Curry (So., 1)	3 Corey Berlin (Jr., 2)

Defense (7)

DT	**36 Brandon Avance (Jr., 2)**	68 Moses Love (Sr., 1)
NT	97 Jamie Nichols (Sr., 1)	91 Quincy Myles (Jr., 1)
DE	**93 Clint Ellsworth (Jr., 1)**	96 Chris Van Hoy (Fr., 0)
LB	**92 Carlin Thomas (Sr., 2)**	50 Andrius Vitto (Jr., 2)
LB	51 Antonio Crow (So., 1)	40 Chris Marshall (Jr., 0)
LB	**41 Gerome Wallace (Jr., 2)**	47 John Nash (Fr., 0)
LB	**5 Curtis Randall (Jr., 2)**	25 Jonte Price (So., 1)
Rov	**19 Bobby Gray (Sr., 3)**	46 Thadrick Love (Jr., 1)
FS	**10 Michael John Lenard (Jr., 2)**	24 Quincy Davis (Sr., 1)
CB	18 Jason Olford (Sr., 1)	31 Curtis Speller (Sr., 1)
CB	20 Willie Sheppard (Jr., 2)	1 Corey Brazil (So., 0)

Special Teams

K	23 Josh Scobee (So., 1)
P	37 Dustin Upton (So., 1)
KR	8 John Simon (Sr., 3)
PR	8 John Simon (Sr., 3)

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***BOLD** indicates returning starters*
NUMBER after class indicates letters won

Head Coach: Jack Bicknell — **2000 Record: 3–9**
2001 Prediction: 10th WAC — **Joe Aillet Stadium (30,600)**

UL-Monroe Indians

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The Louisiana-Monroe Indians were looking to end a string of four consecutive 5–6 campaigns. They did, and with a vengeance. But a 1–10 finish a year ago wasn't exactly what coach Bobby Keasler had in mind.

ULM will not likely mount a serious challenge for the inaugural Sun Belt Conference championship, but a return to the days of near-.500 football is a possibility. And that would be a welcome relief in Northeast Louisiana.

LA Monroe SID

Donald Malveaux

Quarterback will be the least of Keasler's concerns as he has two players who rank among the school's all-time leading passers. Senior Andre Vige is eighth on the career yardage list, but junior Andy Chance (10th) should get the starting nod when the Indians host Sam Houston State to open the 2001 campaign.

11 The number of ULM players who set new weightlifting or 40-yard dash records for their positions during off-season conditioning.

Chance was limited to six games last year due to concussions, but he has started 17 games in his two-year career.

Vige started three games in 2000 but finds himself third on the depth chart behind Chance and redshirt freshman Adam Gatlin. Gatlin was rated as one of the nation's Top 15 dropback passers coming out of Alexandria (La.) Senior High School.

ULM's running game was virtually nonexistent last year as the Indians could muster no more than 57.5 yards per game. However, offensive coordinator Stan Humphries has scrapped the spread offense for a one-back set that should generate better balance.

The top two returnees are juniors Keith Thomas and Bryant Jacobs. Thomas, who is also a threat to catch the ball, was atop the depth chart at tailback in spring practice. Jacobs, who is one of the best athletes on the team, is more of a breakaway threat.

The Indians' receiving corps will get a big boost from transfer John Floyd, who makes his long-awaited debut at for the Indians this fall. In 1999 at Southern Miss, Floyd was named Player of the Game in the Liberty Bowl. He is being counted on to provide the spark the offense lacked last year.

"John Floyd gives us a home run threat, a guy that makes the big play," says Humphries.

Two players who figure to benefit from Floyd's good example are the team's top two returning receivers, junior Sean Brown and sophomore H.J. Adams.

Only nine offensive linemen were available for spring drills, two of them returning starters. The best of the lot is left tackle Larry Pink, who moved outside from the left guard spot last season. Senior Juan Parra, who started five games at center, moves over to the guard spot vacated by Pink.

Right guard Shane Luna also returns. Ben Wright, who was forced into starting assignments at center and tackle due to injuries, returns to his natural spot at tight end.

Three starters return on the line of the Indians' 4-2-5 defense. End Corey Conde, who started 10 games in a year ago, anchors the left side. The squad's best pass rusher, junior Brennan Bertrand, returns after leading all ULM linemen in tackles last season. Senior Donald Malveaux and sophomore Michael Anthony are the tackles.

Outside linebacker Maurice Sonnier has the ability to become a dominating force for the Indians. He started last year as a true freshman and tied for the team lead in tackles for a loss.

There's also experience in the middle where senior Otis Robinson is a returning starter. Chris Brantley figures to be a capable backup.

ULM returns three starters in the defensive backfield, but two of them will begin the season at new positions. Senior Dedrick Buckles moves to free safety after starting 10 games at strong safety in 2000. Seneca Lee, who started nine games at free safety, moves to right corner.

Buckles tied for the team lead in tackles. Lee was fourth in tackles, but his outstanding cover skills prompted the move to the corner. The other returning starter, Karlton Washington, led the team with three interceptions.

Sophomore Daniel Francis converted 3-of-4 field goal attempts and all four PATs before a broken toe ended his season after five games. Sophomore Steven Hunnicutt, who averaged 35 yards per kick, returns to handle the punting chores.

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

WR	**87 H.J. Adams (So., 1)**	6 Brooks Greer (So., 1)
WR	1 John Floyd (Jr., 0)	18 Sean Brown (Jr., 2)
LT	**61 Larry Pink (Sr., 3)**	70 Kenny Ordeneaux (So., 1)
LG	69 Juan Parra (Sr., 1)	73 Ben Zapata (So., 1)
C	51 Robert Aguirre (So., 1)	53 Hayden Wadsworth (Fr., 0)
RG	**78 Shane Luna (So., 1)**	76 Bruce Hampton (So., 1)
RT	74 Josh Wade (So., 1)	70 Kenny Ordeneaux (So., 1)
QB	**15 Andy Chance (Jr., 2)**	9 Adam Gatlin (Fr., 0)
RB	23 Keith Thomas (Jr., 2)	8 Bryant Jacobs (Jr., 1)
WR	84 Ben Wright (Jr., 2)	83 B.J. Welch (So., 1)
WR	5 Mack Vincent (So., 1)	80 Kamal Broadway (Fr., 0)

Defense (8)

DE	**90 Corey Conde (So., 1)**	94 John Thompson (So., 0)
DT	93 Michael Anthony (So., 1)	67 Marvin Taylor (So., 0)
DT	**99 Donald Malveaux (Sr., 3)**	86 Michael Holmes (Fr., 0)
DE	**95 Brennan Bertrand (Jr., 1)**	91 Justin Ebersole (So., 1)
LB	**45 Maurice Sonnier (So., 1)**	48 David Higgins (So., 1)
LB	**54 Otis Robinson (Sr., 3)**	41 Chris Brantley (Jr., 1)
S	28 Courtney Joiner (So., 1)	47 Damien Richard (Fr., 0)
S	39 Derrick McGill (Jr., 2)	26 A.J. Bocard (Fr., 0)
FS	**3 Dedrick Buckles (Sr., 1)**	33 Calvin Hall (Fr., 0)
CB	**29 Karlton Washington (Sr., 1)**	21 Cash Mouton (Fr., 0)
CB	**4 Seneca Lee (So., 1)**	25 Vernard Wilkerson (Fr., 0)

Special Teams

K	14 Daniel Francis (So., 1)
P	24 Steven Hunnicutt (So., 1)
KR	30 Trey Patterson (Fr., 0)
PR	87 H.J. Adams (So., 1)

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Head Coach: Bobby Keasler — **2000 Record : 1–10**
2001 Prediction: 5th Sun Belt — **Malone Stadium (30,427)**

UL-Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns

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Nobody said this would be easy. When Jerry Baldwin became head coach at Louisiana-Lafayette in 1999, he inherited a program that not only needed to be rebuilt, but also prepared for competition in the Sun Belt Conference.

The Sun Belt debut comes this fall. And the only question is whether or not the Ragin' Cajuns will be prepared.

Louisiana-Lafayette SID

Jonathon Raush

Optimists/coaches will answer by pointing to the 2000 season finale, when the young Cajuns nearly won at Middle Tennessee before falling in double overtime. Pessimists/fans will point to three meager wins in Baldwin's two seasons in Lafayette.

15.6 The Ragin' Cajuns averaged just 15.6 points per game in 2000. They ranked 105th in the nation in scoring offense and total offense.

"We have made significant progress, though the wins and losses may not be there," says Baldwin. "We are going to stay focused on what we are doing. The pressure I feel is not pressure, but motivation to get the job done."

Jon Van Cleave came in last season as a true freshman and made an immediate impact at quarterback. Tall and sturdy, Van Cleave is a classic dropback passer. He appeared in seven games and passed for 687 yards and one score. As a sophomore, he will have a chance to run the team from the opening kickoff.

But Van Cleave knows from personal experience that newcomers can steal playing time away from veterans, especially if a team is struggling. Redshirt freshman Matt Lane, a Lafayette native, will try to do just that.

Leading rusher Darren Brister has departed. Junior Jerome Coleman, who is the top returning rusher with 416 yards, will be featured in the Cajuns' one-back set. At 6'1", 225 pounds, Coleman has the body to absorb a season of pounding. Senior Trikeith Miller has ascended to the backup position.

Van Cleave will have a deep cadre of receivers to choose from. Marcus Wilridge returns for his senior season as the Cajuns' top receiving threat. He's coming off the best season of his career with 38 catches for 524 yards and three touchdowns. Junior Andre George caught 24 passes for 404 yards and had a team-high 16.8 yards per catch. Frederick Stamps, who is more of an underneath target than a deep threat, caught 21 passes for an average of 7.2 yards per catch.

Only one starter returns on the offensive line, left tackle Jonathon Raush. Alongside Raush at left guard will be sophomore D'Anthony Batiste, who played considerably as a true freshman. Senior Garrett Charkalis will start at center after serving as a backup guard last year.

Redshirt freshman Paul Balensiefen makes the jump from scout team to starter at right guard while sophomore Marques Smith takes over at right tackle.

There is depth and experience along the defensive front where senior Derrick Marshall and sophomore Daniel Taylor are returning starters. Charley Smith is the incumbent at tackle, but Walter Sampson, who started at nose guard last year, was listed behind senior Chris Gistorb after spring drills. Marshall and Sampson are the team's top pass rushers with seven sacks each in 2000.

Other than quarterback, linebacker is the only position on the team without a senior on the two-deep. Ricky Calais will start at weak-side linebacker for the second consecutive year, but he will be pushed by Marcus Malveaux. Marrious Berry is back in the middle but he will have to regain his starting job from Antonio Floyd.

Junior Ross Brupbacher edged sophomore Trey Randall for the starting strong-side assignment.

The secondary is anchored by hard-hitting free safety Kyries Hebert. The senior has good size and speed and will start at the position for the third consecutive season. Last year, he led the Cajuns with 88 tackles, including 54 solo stops. Peter Villia takes over at strong safety.

Charles Tillman started all 11 games at left cornerback and will begin there again in 2001. Tillman was second on the squad in tackles last year and led the team with six interceptions. Senior Darien King is a returning starter at the opposite corner.

Grant Autrey had a busy year with 81 punts. The junior hopes to give his leg a rest in 2001. Jonathon Knott is the new placekicker, taking over for the departed Brent Bergeron.

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

WR	85	**Marcus Wilridge (Sr., 3)**	82	Cory Scott (Jr., 2)
WR	15	**Andre George (Jr., 2)**	19	Elijah Mallery (Jr., 1)
LT	74	**Jonathon Raush (Jr., 2)**	54	Chris Perrone (So., 0)
LG	61	D'Anthony Batiste (So., 1)	60	Jay Smith (So., 0)
C	78	Garrett Charkalis (Sr., 2)		Josh Newton (Jr., 0)
RG		Paul Balensiefen (Fr., 0)		Cory Monroe (So., 0)
RT	70	Marques Smith (So., 1)	72	Demetrios Brooks (Fr., 0)
QB	3	**Jon Van Cleave (So., 1)**	7	Matt Lane (Fr., 0)
RB	32	Jerome Coleman (Jr., 1)	34	Trikeith Miller (Sr., 2)
WR	23	Frederick Stamps (So., 1)	84	B.J. Christ (Fr., 0)
WR	18	Nick Dugas (Jr., 1)	22	Eric Bartel (So., 1)

Defense (9)

LE	58	**Derrick Marshall (Sr., 3)**		Derace James (So., 0)
T	95	**Charley Smith (Jr., 2)**	90	Darrell Cottonham (Sr., 1)
NG	97	Chris Gistorb (Sr., 1)	94	**Walter Sampson (Jr., 2)**
RE	63	**Daniel Taylor (So., 1)**	89	Emmitt Holiday (So., 1)
SLB	59	Ross Brupbacher (Jr., 2)		Trey Randall (Jr., 0)
MLB	47	Antonio Floyd (So., 1)	51	**Marrious Berry (Jr., 1)**
WLB	8	**Ricky Calais (Jr., 1)**	46	Marcus Malveaux (Jr., 1)
LC	5	**Charles Tillman (Jr., 2)**	24	Terrence Hunter (Jr., 1)
RC	31	**Darien King (Sr., 3)**	6	Brad Franklin (Sr., 3)
SS	30	Peter Villia (Sr., 2)	26	Jamal Smith (So., 1)
FS	11	**Kyries Hebert (Sr., 2)**	36	Brian Deamer (Jr., 2)

Special Teams

K		Jonathon Knott (Jr., 0)
P	39	Grant Autrey (Jr., 2)
KR	18	Nick Dugas (Jr., 1)
PR	18	Nick Dugas (Jr., 1)

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Head Coach: Jerry Baldwin — **2000 Record: 1-10**
2001 Prediction: 6th Sun Belt — **Cajun Field (31,000)**

Connecticut Huskies

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The UConn football team will jump into the deep end of the pool this season, and they hope to make a splash, or at least a ripple. With an ambitious schedule that calls for a season-opening game Sept. 1 against national power Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va., and battles with Rutgers and Temple the same month, the Huskies will sink or swim. In all, UConn will play 10 I-A opponents in its second year of transition from I-AA.

UConn SID

Ryan Tracey

Somewhat smoother waters lie ahead for UConn. A new 40,000-seat stadium that will open in 2003 is under construction 25 miles off campus, and membership in the Big East is scheduled for 2005.

> The Huskies did not score a defensive touchdown last season and did not return a punt or a kickoff for a score. That helps explain four losses by eight points or fewer.

Huskies coach Randy Edsall, who is entering his third season in Storrs, is recognized as one of the top recruiters in the country, and the talent level is definitely on the rise.

"I think we've got a huge challenge in front of us," says Edsall. "But hopefully we can go out and be competitive in every game."

UConn won a pair of Division I-A games in 2000, beating Buffalo and Akron, while going 3–8 overall.

Topping last year's win total against the 2000 schedule will be difficult. But at least UConn will be going to battle with a veteran quarterback capable of putting points on the board. Senior Ryan Tracey was rewriting the UConn record book when he wrecked his knee against South Florida and was lost for the season. Tracey, who had 15 touchdown passes and only five interceptions in seven-plus games, has made a strong recovery from major surgery and is expected to be at full strength in the fall.

There should be plenty of speed, but lots of inexperience on the receiving end of Tracey's tosses. The two top wide receivers from last year are gone.

The Huskies like to use a lot of three- and four-wideout sets, so finding bodies is critical. Wes Timko and Cliff Hill will start at split end and flanker, respectively. The injury-prone Timko must stay healthy. Redshirt freshmen Matt Cutaia, Jasen Ridley and O'Neil Wilson are in the hunt for playing time. But true freshmen Quanear Gaskins and Jason Williams have the type of speed that will give them a chance to get on the field early. Also, JC transfer Tony Atkinson from New Mexico Military Academy should help.

In the backfield, the Huskies have plenty of bodies, but no real horse to ride. Senior Taber Small has started the last two seasons (amassing a total of 1,317 yards) and will make it three straight unless underclassmen Evan Benson, Chandler Poole, Chris Bellamy or Jason Dellaselva can grab the reins.

The offensive line will be huge and raw. There will be only one senior in the bunch (left tackle C.J. Hessel), with the rest of the group consisting of two redshirt freshmen, a sophomore and a junior.

Across the line, sophomore Sean Mulcahy has moved from end to tackle and former linebacker Uyi Osunde has been converted to defensive end. Redshirt freshman Ryan Bushey could take over at one end if Hakeem Kashama can't come back from knee surgery. Junior tackle Greg Smoot anchors the middle. But the best hope may be new line coach Hank Hughes, who coached the nation's best defensive line against the run last year at Memphis.

The UConn linebackers are undersized, but fast. Former safety Jamal Lundy, who led the team in tackles last season, will play "Husky" — an outside linebacker spot. Razul Wallace and Kamari Stroman can roam sideline-to-sideline, but are vulnerable to being overpowered.

The secondary will get a boost from the return of junior Roy Hopkins, who reshirted last season after badly spraining his knee in the season opener. Hopkins is the Huskies' best corner and is a strong leader. Senior Carl Bradford is as happy as anyone about Hopkins' return because it means he won't get picked on as much. Safeties Trenton Jones and Terrance Smith gained a lot of experience last season, as did Chris Meyer.

Punter Adam Coles, a former Australian Rules football player, has a powerful leg. He averaged 40.5 yards last season as a freshman. Kicker Geoff Heyl was 4-of-5 from 40-49 yards last season and nailed a game-winner against Akron to boost his confidence.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

SE	**82 Wes Timko (Jr., 2)**	80 Ayo Sorrells (Sr., 2)
LT	**77 C.J. Hessel (Sr., 2)**	73 Ryan Krug (Fr., 0)
LG	66 Laurence Oliver (So., 1)	75 Bill Chester (Fr., 0)
C	54 Brian Markowski (Fr., 0)	58 Billy Irwin (Fr., 0)
RG	64 LeAndre Dupree (Fr., 0)	72 Barry Crable (Jr., 0)
RT	**79 Steve Cully (Jr., 1)**	65 Ed Injaychock (So., 0)
TE	83 Rashad Drayton (Sr., 2)	89 Tommy Collins (Jr., 2)
QB	**13 Ryan Tracey (Sr., 1)**	14 Chris Willis (Jr., 1)
FB	36 Terry McClowry (So., 1)	40 Justin Spence (Fr., 0)
RB	**38 Taber Small (Sr., 3)**	42 Evan Benson (So., 1)
FL	**3 Cliff Hill (So., 1)**	86 Joe Villapiano (Jr., 0)

Defense (8)

DE	**95 Hakeem Kashama (Jr., 1)**	92 Ryan Bushey (Fr., 0)
DT	**55 Greg Smoot (Jr., 2)**	49 Ken Wilson (So., 0)
DT	**56 Sean Mulcahy (So., 1)**	50 Chris Clarke (So., 1)
DE	**97 Uyi Osunde (Jr., 2)**	52 Tyler King (Fr., 0)
LB	26 Kamari Stroman (Sr., 3)	39 Mike McIntosh (So., 0)
LB	**43 Razul Wallace (Jr., 2)**	44 Jamie Lenkaitis (Sr., 3)
Husky	**21 Jamal Lundy (Jr., 2)**	24 Robert Randall (Jr., 2)
SS	27 Trenton Jones (So., 1)	20 Kinnan Herriott (Fr., 0)
FS	**22 Terrance Smith (So., 1)**	5 Chris Meyer (So., 1)
CB	7 Roy Hopkins (Jr., 2)	2 Justin Perkins (Fr., 0)
CB	**4 Carl Bradford (Sr., 3)**	10 Dwaun Black (Jr., 1)

Special Teams

K	93 Geoff Heyl (Jr., 1)
P	6 Adam Coles (So., 1)
KR	4 Carl Bradford (Sr., 3)
PR	3 Cliff Hill (So., 1)

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Head Coach: Randy Edsall — **2000 Record: 3–8**
Memorial Stadium (16,200)

Arkansas State Indians

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For Arkansas State coach Joe Hollis, the 2001 season offers a chance for a new beginning. The Indians will compete in the newly formed (at least for football) Sun Belt Conference, where the all-time league records read 0–0 for all seven schools. Memories of last season's 1–10 campaign, which was dotted with several close losses, will be just that — memories.

Arkansas State SID

Jonathan Adams

Out of conference, the Indians will not face as many daunting opponents as they did last year, when their non-league schedule (at NC State, at Oklahoma, Memphis, at TCU, at Ole Miss) was rated second-toughest in the nation.

"It is a schedule that gives our program and our players a chance to have some success," Hollis says.

> **0** The number of snaps taken by the top four quarterbacks on the Indians' depth chart.

No quarterback on the Arkansas State roster has a single snap of game experience. Hollis, however, sees this as an opportunity. "I think it is exciting," he says. "We will not ask the quarterback to do things he can't do, whoever it is."

The candidates are redshirt freshman Bryan Gauthreaux (actually pronounced go-throw), sophomore Tye Forte, redshirt freshman Jerome Stegall and junior Tommy Miller. Gauthreaux has the early edge, and not just because of his name. The staff likes his mobility.

With 15 starters gone from a year ago, the Indians will likely go as far as stellar senior running back Jonathan Adams can take them. Given his talent, that could be a long way.

Adams was the most decorated recruit in the history of Arkansas State football, and Hollis says, "We're fortunate to have him here."

He was rated the No. 1 running back in the nation by one recruiting service coming out of Osceola (Ark.) High. He gained 1,004 yards and scored six touchdowns as a junior and was a Doak Walker Award nominee.

Junior James Hickenbotham is one of the more athletic players on the ASU roster, and he will be expected to fill the go-to role vacated by 1,000-yard receiver Robert Kilow. Hickenbotham is an explosive player who will also return punts. Joining him at the other wideout will be senior Mark Hamilton, who averaged a team-high 19.6 yards per catch last season.

At tight end, Hollis considers the Indians deep with senior Jerry Pegues (three TDs in 2000) and junior Bob Lanaux returning from productive seasons.

The offensive line is solid with returning starters Garry Johnson and John Crossley at the tackle positions. The 6'4", 306-pound Johnson was first-team All-Big West last season and may have an NFL future.

The rest of the offensive line is a question mark. Eight players will be battling throughout fall camp to claim the other three starting slots.

The line could be the strength of the Arkansas State defense. Junior ends Corey Williams and John Bradley both started a year ago and turned in encouraging performances as first-year starters. In the middle of Arkansas State's three-man front is 25-year old nose tackle Mark Michaels, a junior college transfer who spent four years in the Marines.

Only senior Tyshon Reed returns from the four-man linebacker corps, but others carry significant game experience heading into 2001. Reed will play an outside slot and will be joined by junior Reggie Everett, who has proved effective against the run. On the inside, Hollis is looking at senior Eti Taula, sophomore Chris Hogan and converted safety Les Echols.

Junior cornerback Terrance Fuller will have to lead an inexperienced group on the back line of the Tribe defense. Fuller, the lone returning starter of the group, had two interceptions in 2000. Joining him at the other corner spot will be either Chris Jones or junior college transfer LaKeith Grace. Hollis isn't sure where he wants Grace to play — either cornerback or safety — but he knows he wants him on the field.

Other safety candidates include Keith Headley and junior college transfer Casey Venters.

Andy McPherson handled the kickoff duties last year. He'll be the No. 1 punter this season and will battle incoming freshman Eric Neihouse for full-time placekicking duties.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR	**26 James Hickenbotham (Jr., 2)**	10 Jerome Stegall (Fr., 0)
LT	**74 Garry Johnson (Jr., 2)**	71 Burt Samples (Jr., 2)
LG	72 Anthony Mitchell (So., 1)	50 Luis Nunez (Jr., 0)
C	55 John Allison (Jr., 0)	52 Tab Slaughter (Fr., 0)
RG	65 Jesse Duncan (Jr., 2)	77 Brandon Crocker (Fr., 0)
RT	**79 John Crossley (Jr., 2)**	71 Burt Samples (Jr., 2)
TE	**85 Jerry Pegues (Jr., 0)**	82 Frank Arritt (So., 0)
QB	13 Bryan Gauthreaux (Fr., 0)	18 Tommy Miller (Jr., 2)
RB	**20 Jonathan Adams (Sr., 3)**	21 Danny Smith (Sr., 1)
FL	40 Alvin Powell (Sr., 1)	22 Chuck Walker (Fr., 0)
WR	5 Mark Hamilton (Sr., 1)	80 Jerry Mack (So., 0)

Defense (4)

DE	**31 John Bradley (Jr., 1)**	58 Bryant Berry (So., 1)
NT	95 Mark Michaels (Jr., 0)	96 Brian Rucker (So. 1)
DE	**99 Corey Williams (Jr., 1)**	58 Bryant Berry (So., 1)
LB	**34 Tyshon Reed (Sr., 1)**	46 Chris Hogan (So., 1)
LB	53 Eti Taula (Sr., 1)	28 Curtis Barfield (So., 1)
LB	32 Les Echols (So., 1)	28 Curtis Barfield (So., 1)
LB	44 Reggie Everett (Jr., 0)	46 Chris Hogan (So., 1)
SS	36 LaKeith Grace (Jr., 0)	14 Keith Headley (Jr., 0)
FS	3 Casey Venters (Jr., 0)	35 Orlando Powell (Fr., 0)
CB	**9 Terrance Fuller (Jr., 2)**	24 Eniak Mpwo (Sr., 1)
CB	6 Chris Jones (So., 1)	29 Maurice Joyner (Sr., 2)

Special Teams

K	15 Andy McPherson (Sr., 3)
P	15 Andy McPherson (Sr., 3)
KR	26 James Hickenbotham (Jr., 2)
PR	26 James Hickenbotham (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Joe Hollis — **2000 Record (Big West): 1–10 (1–4)**
2001 Prediction: 7th Sun Belt — **Indian Stadium (33,410)**

South Florida Bulls

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South Florida football is growing up in a hurry. The program has been around for only four years, but the Bulls step up to Division I-A this fall and will join Conference USA in 2003.

While South Florida is eager to make the move, head coach Jim Leavitt sometimes feels as if he needs to poke his team with a cattle prod.

South Florida SID

Marquel Blackwell

"We'd be damn good if we stayed in I-AA but we're in I-A now," he says. "We didn't do so well against I-A teams last year, and some of the teams we played weren't that good. So we're taking a big step and our guys need to be reminded of just how big that step is."

Marquel Blackwell returns as the starting quarterback. Blackwell is a versatile performer who completed 58 percent of his passes for over 2,000 yards. He showed remarkable poise as a sophomore by throwing 13 scoring strikes with only four interceptions. He's also fleet afoot, as he is the Bulls' top returning rusher with 566 yards.

> **1** South Florida has one victory over a Division I-A team in the last two years, a 21–13 win at Connecticut last season.

There's a vacancy in USF's one-back set as career rushing leader Rafael Williams (2,253 yards) has graduated, leaving two players to vie for the spot. Freshman Clenton Crossley was a partial qualifier last year and was ineligible to play. Senior Derrick Rackard has the edge in experience, but he appeared in only eight games and carried just nine times for 32 yards.

Blackwell loses his top three targets from a year ago. Chris Iskra and Hugh Smith are the top two returning receivers, but DeAndrew Rubin, a high school teammate of Blackwell, is still a viable option. Rubin started the first five games in 2000, but a severe ankle injury reduced his productivity during the latter half of the campaign.

Sophomore Vince Brewer played in only five games, but he made his coaches take notice by rushing for 105 yards on 14 carries in last year's season finale. In the three-receiver set, Brewer lines up at H-back.

The Bulls lose three starters from the offensive line, including left tackle Kenyatta Jones, a fourth-round pick of the New England Patriots, and center Joey Sipp.

Replacing Sipp is senior Jimmy Fitts, a three-year starter at right guard. Ken Dawson and Mike Snellgrove were part-time starters at tackle and should move up to full-time status with Snellgrove stepping into the space vacated by Jones.

Matt Sparrowhawk worked his way into the regular rotation as the season wore on and will replace the departed Anthony McKenzie at left guard.

The front line of USF's 4–3 defense will feature new starters at three positions. Nose tackle is established with juniors Greg Walls and Lee Roy Selmon, Jr., who shared starting duties last year. Tavares Jurineack steps up at tackle to replace four-year starter Therrimann Edwards.

There are two ends with playing experience — juniors Emerson Morris and Chris Daley. Ian Blackwell was slowed by an emergency appendectomy and a knee injury, but recovered in time to play in the final six games of the year. Sophomores Cedric Battles and Shurron Pierson failed to qualify academically in 2000, but they have gained their eligibility and could become part of the rotation.

Leading tackler Kawika Mitchell returns at weak-side linebacker, but the junior has proven he can play all three positions. The same can be said for senior Anthony Williams, who is the returning starter in the middle. Sophomore Maurice Jones will begin the season as the strong-side starter.

The secondary will be tested early as all four starters were lost to graduation. The most experienced player is senior strong safety Joe Morgan, who filled in as a starter in place of the injured Jay Mize. Hard-hitting sophomore Kevin Verpaele takes over at free safety.

Sophomore Kenny Robinson has the makings of an outstanding corner and will get a chance to prove it on a full-time basis. Redshirt sophomore Ron Hemingway is penciled in at the other corner.

Santiago Gramatica arrives in the fall to take over the kicking duty from his older brother, Bill. Junior Devin Sanderson returns after averaging 41.1 yards per punt in 2000.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

Z	**9**	**Chris Iskra (So., 1)**	15	Huey Whittaker (So., 0)
LT	**65**	**Mike Snellgrove (Jr., 2)**	66	Derrick Sarosi (Fr., 0)
LG	61	Matt Sparrowhawk (Sr., 1)	77	Chris Robinson (Fr., 0)
C	**75**	**Jimmy Fitts (Sr., 3)**	76	Mark Sopcik (Fr., 0)
RG	71	Alex Herron (Fr., 0)	60	Josh Freiseleben (Fr., 0)
RT	**72**	**Ken Dawson (Sr., 2)**	66	Derrick Sarosi (Fr., 0)
TE	44	Mark Feldman (So., 1)	89	Casey Cobb (So., 1)
QB	**10**	**Marquel Blackwell (Jr., 2)**	18	Kevin Patullo (So., 1)
FB	26	Derrick Rackard (Sr., 3)	28	Clenton Crossley (Fr., 0)
HB	25	Vince Brewer (So., 1)	30	Courtney Davenport (So., 1)
X	4	DeAndrew Rubin (Jr., 2)	19	Bruce Gipson (Fr., 0)

Defense (3)

LE	54	Emerson Morris (Jr., 2)	57	Chris Daley (Jr., 2)
DT	94	Tavares Jurineack (Jr., 1)	92	Howard Campbell (Fr., 0)
NT	**8**	**Greg Walls (Jr., 2)**	93	Lee Roy Selmon Jr. (Jr., 2)
RE	58	Ian Blackwell (So., 1)	87	Tommy Hunter (So., 0)
LB	6	Maurice Jones (So., 0)	16	Jason Allen (Fr., 0)
LB	**7**	**Anthony Williams (Sr., 3)**	52	Mike Minus (So., 1)
LB	**5**	**Kawika Mitchell (Jr., 2)**	40	Julian Johnson (Jr., 2)
LC	3	Ron Hemingway (So., 1)	27	Solomon Burgess (Sr., 2)
RC	20	Kenny Robinson (So., 1)	21	Maurice Tucker (Jr., 0)
SS	1	Joe Morgan (Sr., 3)	32	JR Reed (So., 1)
FS	17	Kevin Verpaele (So., 1)	36	John Miller (So., 1)

Special Teams

K		Santiago Gramatica (Fr., 0)
P	13	Devin Sanderson (Jr., 1)
KR	4	DeAndrew Rubin (Jr., 2)
PR	4	DeAndrew Rubin (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Jim Leavitt **2000 Record: 7–4**
Raymond James Stadium (41,444)

Kent State Golden Flashes

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Dean Pees has won only three games in his three years at Kent State. The Golden Flashes' coach, however, surprisingly doesn't have to worry about job security. The school thought enough of him in November to extend his contract through 2004.

The thinking? Pees has improved the quality and character of the players. And that, the school believes, will translate into wins down the road. "We're doing things to improve this program behind the scenes that people don't always see," Pees says.

Kent SID

Chante Murphy

But on the field the product has suffered. Pees asked for consistency last season, but he didn't get it. He thought the stability of the coaching staff would help. It didn't. The team went 1–7 in the Mid-American Conference and 1–10 overall.

268 Kent collected a MAC-low 268 yards of total offense per game last season. Things weren't much better on the other side of the ball. The Golden Eagles allowed 408.5 yards per game.

Quarterback Zach Williams is gone after throwing for 1,120 yards and four touchdowns last season. Sophomore Jeff Valentino is the most likely successor. He played in nine games in 2000 and threw for 545 yards and four touchdowns. Sophomore Ben McDaniels, who played in four games a year ago, may also figure into the mix.

Pees wanted to stress the running game last season, but the team only got 111.6 rushing yards per game. Maybe that will pick up this fall with Chante Murphy, who rushed for 800 yards and three touchdowns as a junior.

Booker Vann will also help out. Like Murphy, he played in all 11 games last season, and he rushed for 365 yards and one touchdown.

At fullback, DeMarlo Rozier is the main man. But he only ran the ball nine times last season.

Wide receiver Jurron Kelly, who led Kent State last year with 393 receiving yards on 37 catches, will be the primary target. Kelly's a bit undersized, but he has proven to be a clutch pass catcher in the mold of former Kent State and NFL wideout Eugene Baker.

He'll get help from Matt Curry, who finished second on the team with 35 catches for 511 yards, and Ray Quinn, who caught 17 passes for 152 yards and one score. Vann is also of some use as a pass catcher coming out of the backfield.

Tight end Joel Reikowski played in every game a year ago, but he was moved to tackle during spring practice. That opened a spot for sophomore Neil Buckosh.

Along the offensive front, the Golden Flashes will be without 2000 All-MAC pick Jason Hupp, but right guard Brian Hallett and left guard Victor Vrabel return. Steve Smith will be the likely candidate at center, and Reikowski will start at left tackle. At right tackle, it looks like Kevin Jamieson is the man.

Pees figured his defense would be better last year. But it wasn't. Instead the Golden Flashes got outscored by an average of almost three to one. Only time will tell whether this year's bunch is any better.

Kent State returns dependable tackles Roy Attieh, a 300-pound run stuffer, and Aaron Mayer (nine tackles).

Mark Strickland, who recorded 10 tackles for a loss in 2000, returns as the starting right end and is joined on the first unit by Shawn Armstead.

At linebacker, senior Rashan Hall, who finished second on the team last year with 95 tackles, returns. The other starters coming out of spring were James Harrison, Pierre Wilson and Anthony Henriquez. Harrison, a strong-side linebacker who picked off one pass last year and led the team with 106 tackles, has big-play ability.

Juniors Justin Baugham (26 tackles in 2000) and Jacon Avery (77 tackles), a former walk-on, enter fall drills as the starting cornerbacks. Each had one interception last year.

Sophomore Desmond Turner, who had 67 tackles and one interception a year ago, will battle Reggie Crook for the start at strong safety. Scott Booker and Robert James are both up for the start at free safety.

Kicker Dave Pavich returns after connecting on 6-of-10 field goals in 2000. The very busy Jared Fritz will handle the punting. He booted the ball 72 times for an average of 40.4 yards per kick.

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

SE	3 Jurron Kelly (Sr., 3)	88 Maurio Medley (So., 0)
LT	62 Joel Reikowski (Jr., 2)	72 Jason Andrews (Fr., 0)
LG	**75 Victor Vrabel (Sr., 3)**	64 Travis Veser (Fr., 0)
C	52 Steve Smith (So., 1)	74 Deron Bowling (Jr., 0)
RG	**71 Brian Hallett (Sr., 3)**	61 Shaun Sarrett (So., 0)
RT	70 Kevin Jamieson (Jr., 2)	77 Henry Rucker (So., 0)
TE	84 Neil Buckosh (So., 1)	19 Ray Quinn (Jr., 2)
QB	12 Ben McDaniels (So., 0)	16 Jeff Valentino (So., 1)
FB	8 DeMarlo Rozier (Sr., 3)	36 Charles Newton (Fr., 0)
RB	**26 Chante Murphy (Sr., 3)**	24 Booker Vann (Jr., 2)
FL	**5 Matt Curry (Sr., 3)**	1 Joshua Bostick (Jr., 2)

Defense (8)

DE	2 Shawn Armstead (Jr., 2)	67 Alan Williams (So., 1)
NG	65 Aaron Mayer (Sr., 3)	**51 Roy Attieh (Jr., 2)**
DE	**55 Mark Strickland (Sr., 3)**	33 Delvi Barker (So., 0)
LB	**16 James Harrison (Sr., 2)**	45 Justin Gatten (Jr., 2)
LB	**4 Rashan Hall (Sr., 3)**	42 Josh Chilcote (So., 1)
LB	1 Anthony Henriquez (So., 0)	44 Heath Hommel (Sr., 3)
LB	48 Pierre Wilson (So., 0)	53 Jeff Jensen (So., 1)
SS	35 Reggie Crook (Sr., 3)	**9 Desmond Turner (So., 1)**
FS	**10 Robert James (Jr., 2)**	23 Scott Booker (Jr., 2)
CB	**25 Jacon Avery (Jr., 2)**	6 Ray Coley (So., 1)
CB	18 Justin Baugham (Jr., 2)	**11 Nashville Dyer (Jr., 2)**

Special Teams

K	39 Dave Pavich (Sr., 3)
P	97 Jared Fritz (Jr., 1)
KR	6 Chante Murphy (Sr., 3)
PR	3 Jurron Kelly (Sr., 3)

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Head Coach: Dean Pees — **2000 Record (MAC): 1–10 (1–7)**
2001 Prediction: 7th MAC East — **Dix Stadium (30,520)**

Troy State Trojans

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After 92 seasons of football, Troy State moves up to Division I-A this fall. One of the nation's top I-AA programs over the years will now find out what it was like for all the teams it pushed around.

In fact, the Trojans should get a good (bad?) taste of it on Sept. 1 when they open the season at Nebraska. Last year's opener? A 28–13 win at Alabama A&M.

Troy State SID

Brock Nutter

But for every Nebraska, Miami and Mississippi State on the schedule, there is a Nicholls State, Cal State-Northridge and Jacksonville State. So, while the task at hand is foreboding, it appears there will be occasion for a little fun as well.

1,298 The number of yards Brock Nutter needs to become Troy State's all-time passing leader. Sim Byrd holds the record with 7,092.

"We realize that we will have our hands full," says 11th-year head coach Larry Blakeney. "But I told our kids in December that we aren't taking anything for granted, nor are we going to concede anything. We don't know how we will stack up against these opponents, but our main goal is to be prepared for every game we play — not just the big ones."

Brock Nutter, a first team All-Southland Football League performer last year, returns for his senior season at the controls of a new offense. The "Trojan Spread" is a creation of new offensive coordinator John Shannon and employs four wideouts and one back, as opposed to TSU's traditional two-or three-back alignment. A three-year starter, Nutter topped the 200-yard passing mark in three games last year. Those outings should become routine in the new scheme.

There is ample depth and talent in the backfield where senior Demontray Carter returns. A transfer from Auburn, Carter accounted for 1,200 yards of total offense (more than 800 on the ground) and was named Newcomer of the Year in the SFL.

The greatest area of concern for the Trojans offensively is at wide receiver where All-SFL performer Jonathan Carter has graduated. Junior Heyward Skipper started 11 games and was second to Carter with 29 catches. But things taper off from there. The only other wide receiver with 10 or more catches is senior Daniel O'Brien. Sophomore Jermaine Richardson secured a starting spot, with Chris Day and Adrian Moore in the hunt.

The offensive line is where things get tricky for the Trojans. Junior left tackle Stan Curington is the only returning starter. The departed starters were All-SFL selections.

Rodney Jordan and Johnny Maddox are the only other returning players with significant experience. A junior, Jordan will start at right guard with junior Robin Lee on the left. Maddox will serve as a backup to Lee. Sophomore Branden Hall will start at right tackle, while junior Trent Garmon, who played sparingly last year, is the center.

Troy State returns seven starters on defense, including three on the line. The entire trio earned All-SFL honors. Senior Vernon Marable and junior Osi Umenyiora anchor the ends with junior Davern Williams returning at tackle. Umenyiora moves outside to make room for nose guard Jose Gamboa, a junior who is a newcomer to the starting lineup.

Standout 'backers Naazir Yamini and Jimmy McClain are returning starters in the middle and on the strong side, respectively. Yamini tallied team highs with 119 tackles and seven sacks. McClain takes over the strong-side slot for first team All-SFL selection Nick Colbert. Stepping into the weak-side position vacated by McClain is senior Corey Sears.

The secondary is riddled with question marks heading into the 2001 season. There are two returning starters — junior safety Rayshun Reed and junior cornerback Deiric Jackson. Reed will try to regain the form that earned him a starting job at strong safety before a torn knee ligament ended his 2000 season after seven games.

Ronald Harper heads into two-a-days as the starter at free safety but will be challenged by redshirt freshman Derrick Ansley. Sophomore Freeman White figures to start at corner opposite Jackson.

The Trojans are looking for a new punter, kicker and return man. Redshirt freshman Drew Boteler gets the early nod at kicker. Candidates for the punting job are numerous.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR	**3 Heyward Skipper (Jr., 2)**	2 Chris Day (So., 1)
LT	**71 Stan Curington (Jr., 2)**	66 Sam Forehand (Jr., 0)
LG	61 Robin Lee (Jr., 2)	62 Johnny Maddox (Jr., 1)
C	57 Trent Garmon (Jr., 1)	69 Charlie Goodyear (Sr., 0)
RG	55 Rodney Jordan (Jr., 2)	75 Obed Ellis (Jr., 0)
RT	76 Branden Hall (So., 0)	67 Lee Walls (Jr., 2)
TE	**13 Adrian Moore (Jr., 2)**	86 Cedric Phillips (So., 1)
QB	**11 Brock Nutter (Sr., 3)**	18 Hansell Bearden (Fr., 0)
FB	39 LaQuateus Justice (Jr., 2)	40 Jonathan Tomlin (Jr., 2)
RB	**1 Demontray Carter (Sr., 3)**	33 LeBarron Black (Jr., 2)
SB	5 Jermaine Richardson (So., 0)	13 Adrian Moore (Jr., 2)

Defense (7)

DE	**92 Vernon Marable (Sr., 3)**	99 Shelton Felton (Jr., 2)
NG	93 Jose Gamboa (Jr., 2)	42 Byron Knight (Jr., 2)
DT	**96 Davern Williams (Jr., 1)**	97 Carlos Stennis (Sr., 1)
DE	**72 Osi Umenyiora (Jr., 2)**	53 Greg Mills (So., 0)
LB	**46 Naazir Yamini (Jr., 2)**	48 Ben Waldrop (Sr., 0)
LB	4 Corey Sears (Sr., 3)	32 Gordon Williams (Jr., 2)
LB	**45 Jimmy McClain (Sr., 3)**	41 Robby Farmer (So., 1)
SS	**16 Rayshun Reed (Jr., 2)**	28 Deloise Moore (Jr., 0)
FS	15 Ronald Harper (So., 1)	10 Derrick Ansley (Fr., 0)
CB	**27 Deiric Jackson (Jr., 2)**	14 Travis Dunlap (So., 0)
CB	24 Freeman White (So., 0)	38 David Philyaw (Jr., 2)

Special Teams

K	12 Drew Boteler (Fr., 0)
P	7 Derek Bynum (Jr., 0)
KR	1 Demontray Carter (Sr., 3)
PR	3 Heyward Skipper (Jr., 2)

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Head Coach: Larry Blakeney **2000 Record (Southland): 10–2 (7–0)**
Richard M. Scrushy Field (17,500)

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ACC

CLEMSON (9–3)
Clemson, SC
S. 1 Central Florida
S. 8 Wofford
S. 15 Duke
S. 22 Virginia
S. 29 at Georgia Tech
O. 11 at NC State
O. 20 North Carolina
O. 27 at Wake Forest
N. 3 Florida State
N. 10 at Maryland
N. 17 at South Carolina

DUKE (0–11)
Durham, NC
S. 1 Florida State
S. 8 at Rice
S. 15 at Clemson
S. 22 Northwestern
S. 29 at Virginia
O. 6 Georgia Tech
O. 13 Wake Forest
O. 20 at Maryland
O. 27 Vanderbilt
N. 3 NC State
N. 17 at North Carolina

FLORIDA STATE (11–2)
Tallahassee, FL
S. 1 at Duke
S. 8 UAB
S. 15 Georgia Tech
S. 22 at North Carolina
S. 29 Wake Forest
O. 13 Miami
O. 20 at Virginia
O. 27 Maryland
N. 3 at Clemson
N. 10 NC State
N. 17 at Florida

GEORGIA TECH (9–3)
Atlanta, GA
A. 26 Syracuse@
S. 1 The Citadel
S. 8 at Navy
S. 15 at Florida State
S. 29 Clemson
O. 6 at Duke
O. 13 Maryland
O. 20 NC State
N. 1 North Carolina
N. 10 at Virginia
N. 17 at Wake Forest
N. 24 Georgia
@East Rutherford, NJ

MARYLAND (5–6)
College Park, MD
S. 1 North Carolina
S. 8 Eastern Michigan
S. 15 West Virginia
S. 22 at Wake Forest
O. 6 Virginia
O. 13 at Georgia Tech
O. 20 Duke
O. 27 at Florida State
N. 3 Troy State
N. 10 Clemson
N. 17 at NC State

NORTH CAROLINA (6–5)
Chapel Hill, NC
A. 25 at Oklahoma
S. 1 at Maryland
S. 8 at Texas
S. 15 SMU
S. 22 Florida State
S. 29 at NC State
O. 6 East Carolina
O. 13 Virginia
O. 20 at Clemson
N. 1 at Georgia Tech
N. 10 Wake Forest
N. 17 Duke

NC STATE (8–4)
Raleigh, NC
S. 1 Ohio
S. 8 Indiana
S. 22 at SMU
S. 29 North Carolina
O. 6 at Wake Forest
O. 11 Clemson
O. 20 at Georgia Tech
O. 27 Virginia
N. 3 at Duke
N. 10 at Florida State
N. 17 Maryland

VIRGINIA (6–6)
Charlottesville, VA
A.25 at Wisconsin
S. 13 Penn State
S. 22 at Clemson
S. 29 Duke
O. 6 at Maryland
O. 13 at North Carolina
O. 20 Florida State
O. 27 at NC State
N. 3 Wake Forest
N. 10 Georgia Tech
N. 17 Virginia Tech

WAKE FOREST (2–9)
Winston-Salem, NC
S. 1 at East Carolina
S. 8 Appalachian State
S. 15 Northern Illinois
S. 22 Maryland
S. 29 at Florida State
O. 6 NC State
O. 13 at Duke
O. 27 Clemson
N. 3 at Virginia
N. 10 at North Carolina
N. 17 Georgia Tech

Big East

BOSTON COLLEGE (7–5)
Chestnut Hill, MA
S. 1 West Virginia
S. 8 at Stanford
S. 22 at Navy
S. 29 Army
O. 6 Temple
O. 13 at Virginia Tech
O. 20 Pittsburgh
O. 27 Notre Dame
N. 10 Miami
N. 17 at Rutgers
N. 24 at Syracuse

MIAMI (11–1)
Coral Gables, FL
S. 1 at Penn State
S. 8 Rutgers
S. 15 Washington
S. 27 at Pittsburgh
O. 6 Troy State
O. 13 at Florida State
O. 25 West Virginia
N. 3 Temple
N. 10 at Boston College
N. 17 Syracuse
D. 1 at Virginia Tech

PITTSBURGH (7–5)
Pittsburgh, PA
S. 1 East Tennessee State
S. 8 South Florida
S. 15 UAB
S. 27 Miami
O. 6 at Notre Dame
O. 13 Syracuse
O. 20 at Boston College
O. 27 at Temple
N. 3 Virginia Tech
N. 10 at Rutgers
N. 24 at West Virginia

RUTGERS (3–8)
New Brunswick, NJ
A. 30 at Buffalo
S. 8 at Miami
S. 15 California
S. 22 Virginia Tech
S. 29 Connecticut
O. 6 Syracuse
O. 13 at Temple
O. 20 Navy
N. 3 at West Virginia
N. 10 Pittsburgh
N. 17 Boston College

SYRACUSE (6–5)
Syracuse, NY
A. 26 Georgia Tech@
S. 1 at Tennessee
S. 8 Central Florida
S. 15 East Carolina
S. 22 Auburn
O. 6 at Rutgers
O. 13 at Pittsburgh
O. 20 Temple
O. 27 at Virginia Tech
N. 10 West Virginia
N. 17 at Miami
N. 24 Boston College
@East Rutherford, NJ

TEMPLE (4–7)
Philadelphia, PA
A. 30 Navy
S. 8 Toledo
S. 15 Connecticut
S. 22 at Bowling Green
O. 6 at Boston College
O. 13 Rutgers
O. 20 at Syracuse
O. 27 Pittsburgh
N. 3 at Miami
N. 10 Virginia Tech
N. 17 at West Virginia

VIRGINIA TECH (11–1)
Blacksburg, VA
S. 1 Connecticut
S. 8 Western Michigan
S. 22 at Rutgers
S. 29 Central Florida
O. 6 at West Virginia
O. 13 Boston College
O. 27 Syracuse
N. 3 at Pittsburgh
N. 10 at Temple
N. 17 at Virginia
D. 1 Miami

WEST VIRGINIA (7–5)
Morgantown, WV
S. 1 at Boston College
S. 8 Ohio University
S. 15 at Maryland
S. 22 Kent State
O. 6 Virginia Tech
O. 13 at Notre Dame
O. 25 at Miami
N. 3 Rutgers
N. 10 at Syracuse
N. 17 Temple
N. 24 Pittsburgh

Big Ten

ILLINOIS (5–6)
Champaign, IL
S. 1 at California
S. 8 Northern Illinois
S. 15 Louisville
S. 22 at Michigan
O. 6 Minnesota
O. 13 at Indiana
O. 20 Wisconsin
N. 3 at Purdue
N. 10 Penn State
N. 17 at Ohio State
N. 22 Northwestern

INDIANA (3–8)
Bloomington, IN
S. 8 at North Carolina St.
S. 15 Kentucky
S. 22 Utah
S. 29 Ohio State
O. 6 at Wisconsin
O. 13 Illinois
O. 20 at Iowa
N. 3 Northwestern
N. 10 at Michigan
N. 17 at Penn State
N. 24 Purdue

IOWA (3–9)
Iowa City, IA
S. 1 Kent State
S. 8 Miami
S. 15 at Iowa State
S. 29 Penn State
O. 6 at Purdue
O. 13 at Michigan State
O. 20 Indiana
O. 27 Michigan
N. 3 at Wisconsin
N. 10 at Northwestern
N. 17 Minnesota

MICHIGAN (9–3)
Ann Arbor, MI
S. 1 Miami (OH)
S. 8 at Washington
S. 15 Western Michigan
S. 22 Illinois
O. 6 at Penn State
O. 13 Purdue
O. 27 at Iowa
N. 3 at Michigan State
N. 10 Minnesota
N. 17 at Wisconsin
N. 24 Ohio State

MICHIGAN STATE (5–6)
East Lansing, MI
S. 8 Central Michigan
S. 15 Missouri
S. 22 at Notre Dame
S. 29 at Northwestern
O. 13 Iowa
O. 20 at Minnesota
O. 27 at Wisconsin
N. 3 Michigan
N. 10 Indiana
N. 17 at Purdue
N. 24 Penn State

MINNESOTA (6–6)
Minneapolis, MN
A. 31 at Toledo
S. 8 Louisiana-Lafayette
S. 15 Baylor
S. 29 Purdue
O. 6 at Illinois
O. 13 at Northwestern
O. 20 Michigan State
N. 3 Ohio State
N. 10 at Michigan
N. 17 at Iowa
N. 24 Wisconsin

NORTHWESTERN (8–4)
Evanston, IL
S. 7 at UNLV
S. 15 Navy
S. 22 at Duke
S. 29 Michigan State
O. 6 at Ohio State
O. 13 Minnesota
O. 20 Penn State
O. 27 at Purdue
N. 3 at Indiana
N. 10 Iowa
N. 22 at Illinois

OHIO STATE (8–4)
Columbus, OH
S. 8 Akron
S. 15 San Diego State
S. 22 at UCLA
S. 29 at Indiana
O. 6 Northwestern
O. 13 Wisconsin
O. 27 at Penn State
N. 3 at Minnesota
N. 10 Purdue
N. 17 Illinois
N. 24 at Michigan

PENN STATE (5–7)
University Park, PA
S. 1 Miami
S. 13 at Virginia
S. 22 Wisconsin
S. 29 at Iowa
O. 6 Michigan
O. 20 at Northwestern
O. 27 Ohio State
N. 3 Southern Miss
N. 10 at Illinois
N. 17 Indiana
N. 24 at Michigan State

PURDUE (8–4)
West Lafayette, IN
S. 2 at Cincinnati
S. 15 Notre Dame
S. 22 Akron
S. 29 at Minnesota
O. 6 Iowa
O. 13 at Michigan
O. 27 Northwestern
N. 3 Illinois
N. 10 at Ohio State
N. 17 Michigan State
N. 24 at Indiana

WISCONSIN (9–4)
Madison, WI
A. 25 Virginia
S. 1 at Oregon
S. 8 Fresno State
S. 15 Western Kentucky
S. 22 at Penn State
O. 6 Indiana
O. 13 at Ohio State
O. 20 at Illinois
O. 27 Michigan State
N. 3 Iowa
N. 17 Michigan
N. 24 at Minnesota

Big 12

BAYLOR (2–9)
Waco, TX
S. 8 Arkansas State
S. 15 at Minnesota
S. 22 New Mexico
S. 29 at Iowa State
O. 6 at Texas A&M
O. 13 Nebraska
O. 20 at Oklahoma
O. 27 Texas Tech
N. 3 Texas
N. 10 at Missouri
N. 17 Oklahoma State

COLORADO (3–8)
Boulder, CO
A. 25 Fresno State
S. 1 Colorado State@
S. 8 San Jose State
S. 15 at Washington State
S. 22 Kansas
O. 6 at Kansas State
O. 13 Texas A&M
O. 20 at Texas
O. 27 at Oklahoma State
N. 3 Missouri
N. 10 at Iowa State
N. 23 Nebraska
@Denver, CO

IOWA STATE (9–3)
Ames, IA
S. 8 Northern Iowa
S. 15 Iowa
S. 22 at Ohio
S. 29 Baylor
O. 6 at Nebraska
O. 13 at Missouri
O. 20 Oklahoma State
O. 27 at Texas A&M
N. 3 Kansas State
N. 10 Colorado
N. 17 at Kansas

KANSAS (4–7)
Lawrence, KS
S. 1 SW Missouri State
S. 8 UCLA
S. 15 Wyoming
S. 22 at Colorado
O. 6 at Texas Tech
O. 13 Oklahoma
O. 20 Missouri
O. 27 at Kansas State
N. 3 Nebraska
N. 10 at Texas
N. 17 Iowa State

KANSAS STATE (11–3)
Manhattan, KS
S. 8 at USC
S. 15 Louisiana Tech
S. 22 New Mexico State
S. 29 at Oklahoma
O. 6 Colorado
O. 13 at Texas Tech
O. 20 Texas A&M
O. 27 Kansas
N. 3 at Iowa State
N. 10 at Nebraska
N. 17 Missouri

MISSOURI (3–8)
Columbia, MO
S. 1 Bowling Green
S. 8 SW Texas State
S. 15 at Michigan State
S. 29 Nebraska
O. 6 at Oklahoma State
O. 13 Iowa State
O. 20 at Kansas
O. 27 Texas
N. 3 at Colorado
N. 10 Baylor
N. 17 at Kansas State

NEBRASKA (10–2)
Lincoln, NE
S. 1 Troy State
S. 8 Notre Dame
S. 15 Rice
S. 29 at Missouri
O. 6 Iowa State
O. 13 at Baylor
O. 20 Texas Tech
O. 27 Oklahoma
N. 3 at Kansas
N. 10 Kansas State
N. 23 at Colorado

OKLAHOMA (13–0)
Norman, OK
A. 25 North Carolina
S. 1 at Air Force
S. 8 North Texas
S. 15 Tulsa
S. 29 Kansas State
O. 6 Texas@
O. 13 at Kansas
O. 20 Baylor
O. 27 at Nebraska
N. 10 Texas A&M
N. 17 at Texas Tech
N. 24 Oklahoma State
@Dallas, TX

OKLAHOMA STATE (3–8)
Stillwater, OK
S. 1 at Southern Miss
S. 8 Louisiana Tech
S. 15 Northern Arizona
S. 22 at Texas A&M
O. 6 Missouri
O. 13 Texas
O. 20 at Iowa State
O. 27 Colorado
N. 10 Texas Tech
N. 17 at Baylor
N. 24 at Oklahoma

TEXAS (9–3)
Austin, TX
S. 1 New Mexico State
S. 8 North Carolina
S. 22 at Houston
S. 29 Texas Tech
O. 6 Oklahoma@
O. 13 at Oklahoma State
O. 20 Colorado
O. 27 at Missouri
N. 3 at Baylor
N. 10 Kansas
N. 23 at Texas A&M
@Dallas, TX

TEXAS A&M (7–5)
College Station, TX
S. 1 McNeese State
S. 6 at Wyoming
S. 22 Oklahoma State
S. 29 Notre Dame
O. 6 Baylor
O. 13 at Colorado
O. 20 at Kansas State
O. 27 Iowa State
N. 3 at Texas Tech
N. 10 at Oklahoma
N. 23 Texas

TEXAS TECH (7–6)
Lubbock, TX
S. 8 New Mexico
S. 15 at UTEP
S. 22 at North Texas
S. 29 at Texas
O. 6 Kansas
O. 13 Kansas State
O. 20 at Nebraska
O. 27 at Baylor
N. 3 Texas A&M
N. 10 at Oklahoma State
N. 17 Oklahoma

Conference USA

ARMY (1–10)
West Point, NY
S. 8 Cincinnati
S. 15 Buffalo
S. 22 at UAB
S. 29 at Boston College
O. 6 Houston
O. 13 East Carolina
O. 20 at TCU
O. 27 Tulane
N. 3 at Air Force
N. 17 at Memphis
D. 1 vs. Navy@
@Philadelphia, PA

CINCINNATI (7–5)
Cincinnati, OH
S. 2 Purdue
S. 8 at Army
S. 15 Louisiana-Monroe
S. 22 at Miami
O. 6 Tulane
O. 13 at UAB
O. 20 at Houston
O. 27 Louisville
N. 3 Connecticut
N. 10 East Carolina
N. 24 at Memphis

EAST CAROLINA (8–4)
Greenville, NC
S. 1 Wake Forest
S. 8 at Tulane
S. 15 at Syracuse
S. 22 William & Mary
O. 6 at North Carolina
O. 13 at Army
O. 20 Memphis
O. 30 at TCU
N. 10 at Cincinnati
N. 15 Louisville
N. 23 Southern Miss

HOUSTON (3–8)
Houston, TX
S. 1 Rice
S. 15 at Georgia
S. 22 Texas
S. 29 TCU
O. 6 at Army
O. 13 Memphis
O. 20 Cincinnati
O. 27 at Southern Miss
N. 3 at South Florida
N. 10 at Louisville
N. 17 UAB

LOUISVILLE (9–3)
Louisville, KY
A.23 New Mexico State
S. 1 at Kentucky
S. 8 Western Carolina
S. 15 at Illinois
S. 29 Memphis
O. 4 Colorado State
O. 16 Southern Miss
O. 27 at Cincinnati
N. 3 at Tulane
N. 10 Houston
N. 15 at East Carolina
N. 24 at TCU

MEMPHIS (4–7)
Memphis, TN
S. 1 at Mississippi State
S. 8 Chattanooga
S. 22 South Florida
S. 29 at Louisville
O. 6 Southern Miss
O. 13 at Houston
O. 20 at East Carolina
O. 27 UAB
N. 10 at Tennessee
N. 17 Army
N. 24 Cincinnati

SOUTHERN MISS (8–4)
Hattiesburg, MS
S. 1 Oklahoma State
S. 15 Alabama@
S. 22 at Louisiana-Lafayette
S. 29 UAB
O. 6 at Memphis
O. 16 at Louisville
O. 27 Houston
N. 3 at Penn State
N. 17 Tulane
N. 23 at East Carolina
N. 30 TCU
@Birmingham, AL

TULANE (6–5)
New Orleans, LA
S. 1 at LSU
S. 8 East Carolina
S. 22 Central Florida
S. 29 Southern
O. 6 at Cincinnati
O. 13 TCU
O. 20 at UAB
O. 27 at Army
N. 3 Louisville
N. 10 at Navy
N. 17 at Southern Miss

TCU (10–2)
Forth Worth, TX
A. 30 at North Texas
S. 8 at SMU
S. 15 Marshall
S. 22 Northwestern State
S. 29 at Houston
O. 13 at Tulane
O. 20 Army
O. 30 East Carolina
N. 10 at UAB
N. 24 Louisville
N. 30 at Southern Miss

UAB (7–4)
Birmingham, AL
A. 30 Montana State
S. 8 at Florida State
S. 15 at Pittsburgh
S. 22 Army
S. 29 at Southern Miss
O. 6 at Central Florida
O. 13 Cincinnati
O. 20 Tulane
O. 27 at Memphis
N. 10 TCU
N. 17 at Houston

Mid-American

AKRON (6–5)
Akron, OH
S. 8 at Ohio State
S. 15 Eastern Michigan
S. 22 at Purdue
S. 29 Ohio
O. 6 at Western Michigan
O. 13 at Miami (OH)
O. 20 Bowling Green
O. 27 at Marshall
N. 3 at Central Florida
N. 10 at Buffalo
N. 17 Kent State

BALL STATE (5–6)
Muncie, IN
S. 1 at Auburn
S. 8 at Kentucky
S. 15 Southern Illinois
S. 22 at Western Michigan
S. 29 Miami (OH)
O. 13 at Eastern Michigan
O. 20 Toledo
O. 27 at Connecticut
N. 3 Central Michigan
N. 10 Kent State
N. 17 at Northern Illinois

BOWLING GREEN (2–9)
Bowling Green, OH
S. 1 at Missouri
S. 8 Buffalo
S. 15 at South Carolina
S. 22 Temple
S. 29 at Marshall
O. 6 Kent State
O. 13 at Western Michigan
O. 20 at Akron
N. 3 Miami (OH)
N. 10 at Ohio
N. 23 Toledo

BUFFALO (2–9)
Buffalo, NY
A. 30 Rutgers
S. 8 at Bowling Green
S. 15 at Army
S. 22 at Connecticut
S. 29 Central Michigan
O. 6 at Miami (OH)
O. 13 Marshall
O. 20 at Kent State
O. 27 at Eastern Michigan
N. 3 Ohio
N. 10 Akron

CENTRAL MICH. (2–9)
Mt. Pleasant, MI
A. 30 Eastern Kentucky
S. 8 at Michigan State
S. 15 at Boise
S. 22 Toledo
S. 29 at Buffalo
O. 13 Ohio
O. 20 at Marshall
O. 27 Northern Illinois
N. 3 at Ball State
N. 10 Eastern Michigan
N. 17 at Western Michigan

EASTERN MICH. (3–8)
Ypsilanti, MI
S. 1 SE Missouri State
S. 8 at Maryland
S. 15 at Akron
S. 22 Indiana State
S. 29 Western Michigan
O. 6 at Connecticut
O. 13 Ball State
O. 27 Buffalo
N. 3 at Northern Illinois
N. 10 at Central Michigan
N. 17 at Toledo

KENT STATE (1–10)
Kent, OH
S. 1 at Iowa
S. 8 Bucknell
S. 15 Miami (OH)
S. 22 at West Virginia
O. 6 at Bowling Green
O. 13 Northern Illinois
O. 20 Buffalo
O. 27 at Ohio
N. 3 Marshall
N. 10 at Ball State
N. 17 at Akron

MARSHALL (8–5)
Huntington, WV
S. 1 at Florida
S. 8 Massachusetts
S. 15 at TCU
S. 29 Bowling Green
O. 6 at Northern Illinois
O. 13 at Buffalo
O. 20 Central Michigan
O. 27 Akron
N. 3 at Kent State
N. 10 at Miami (OH)
N. 17 Ohio

MIAMI (OHIO) (6–5)
Oxford, OH
S. 1 at Michigan
S. 8 at Iowa
S. 15 at Kent State
S. 22 Cincinnati
S. 29 at Ball State
O. 6 Buffalo
O. 13 Akron
O. 20 at Ohio
O. 27 Western Michigan
N. 3 at Bowling Green
N. 10 Marshall
N. 17 at Hawaii

NORTHERN ILLINOIS (6–5)
Dekalb, IL
A.30 South Florida
S. 8 at Illinois
S. 15 at Wake Forest
S. 22 Sam Houston
S. 29 at Toledo
O. 6 Marshall
O. 13 at Kent State
O. 20 Western Michigan
O. 27 at Central Michigan
N. 3 Eastern Michigan
N. 17 Ball State

OHIO (7–4)
Athens, OH
S. 1 at NC State
S. 8 at West Virginia
S. 22 Iowa State
S. 29 at Akron
O. 6 Toledo
O. 13 at Central Michigan
O. 20 Miami (OH)
O. 27 Kent State
N. 3 at Buffalo
N. 10 Bowling Green
N. 17 at Marshall

TOLEDO (10–1)
Toledo, OH
A. 31 Minnesota
S. 8 at Temple
S. 15 Youngstown State
S. 22 at Central Michigan
S. 29 Northern Illinois
O. 6 at Ohio
O. 20 at Ball State
O. 27 Navy
N. 3 Western Michigan
N. 17 Eastern Michigan
N. 23 at Bowling Green

WESTERN MICH. (9–3)
Kalamazoo, MI
A. 30 Illinois State
S. 8 at Virginia Tech
S. 15 at Michigan
S. 29 at Eastern Michigan
O. 6 Akron
O. 13 Bowling Green
O. 20 at Northern Illinois
O. 27 at Miami (OH)
N. 6 at Toledo
N. 17 Central Michigan

Mountain West

AIR FORCE (9–3)
Colorado Springs, CO
S. 1 Oklahoma
S. 15 Utah
S. 29 at San Diego State
O. 6 at Navy
O. 13 Wyoming
O. 20 at BYU
O. 27 at New Mexico
N. 3 Army
N. 8 at Colorado State
N. 17 UNLV
N. 24 at Hawaii

BYU (6–6)
Provo, UT
S 1. Nevada
S 8. at California
S 15. at Mississippi State
S. 29 at UNLV
O. 5 Utah State
O. 13 at New Mexico
O. 20 Air Force
O. 27 at San Diego State
N. 1 Colorado State
N. 10 at Wyoming
N. 17 Utah
D. 1 at Hawaii

COLORADO STATE (10–2)
Fort Collins, CO
S. 1 Colorado@
S. 8 Nevada
S. 14 at UNLV
S. 22 San Diego State
S. 29 at Wyoming
O. 4 at Louisville
O. 13 Fresno State
O. 27 Utah
N. 1 at BYU
N. 8 Air Force
N. 17 at New Mexico
@Denver, CO

NEW MEXICO (5–7)
Albuquerque, NM
S. 1 UTEP
S. 8 at Texas Tech
S. 15 New Mexico State
S. 22 at Baylor
S. 29 at Utah
O. 6 at Wyoming
O. 13 BYU
O. 27 Air Force
N. 23 at San Diego State
N. 10 UNLV
N. 17 Colorado State

SAN DIEGO STATE (3–8)
San Diego, CA
A. 30 Arizona
S. 8 at Arizona State
S. 15 at Ohio State
S. 22 at Colorado State
S. 29 Air Force
O. 6 Eastern Illinois
O. 13 at UNLV
O. 27 BYU
N. 3 New Mexico
N. 10 at Utah
N. 17 Wyoming

UNLV (8–5)
Las Vegas, NV
S. 1 at Arkansas@
S. 7 Northwestern
S. 14 Colorado State
S. 22 at Arizona
S. 29 BYU
O. 6 at Nevada
O. 13 San Diego State
O. 27 at Wyoming
N. 3 Utah
N. 10 at New Mexico
N. 17 at Air Force
@Little Rock, AR

UTAH (4–7)
Salt Lake City, UT
S. 1 Utah State
S. 8 at Oregon
S. 15 at Air Force
S. 22 at Indiana
S. 29 New Mexico
O. 6 South Florida
O. 20 Wyoming
O. 27 at Colorado State
N. 3 at UNLV
N. 10 San Diego State
N. 17 at BYU

WYOMING (1–10)
Laramie, WY
S. 1 Furman
S. 6 Texas A&M
S. 15 at Kansas
S. 22 at Utah State
S. 29 Colorado State
O. 6 New Mexico
O. 13 at Air Force
O. 20 at Utah
O. 27 UNLV
N. 10 BYU
N. 17 at San Diego State

Pac-10

ARIZONA (5–6)
Tucson, AZ
A. 30 at San Diego State
S. 8 Idaho
S. 22 UNLV
S. 29 Washington State
O. 6 Oregon
O. 13 at Oregon State
O. 20 at Washington
O. 27 USC
N. 3 at California
N. 10 Stanford
N. 17 at Arizona State

ARIZONA STATE (6–6)
Tempe, AZ
S. 8 San Diego State
S. 15 at UCLA
S. 22 at Stanford
S. 29 San Jose State
O. 6 Louisiana-Lafayette
O. 13 at USC
O. 20 Oregon State
O. 27 Washington
N. 3 at Oregon
N. 10 Washington State
N. 23 Arizona

CALIFORNIA (3–8)
Berkeley, CA
S. 1 Illinois
S. 8 BYU
S. 15 at Rutgers
S. 22 at Washington State
S. 29 Washington
O. 13 Oregon
O. 20 at UCLA
O. 27 at Oregon State
N. 3 Arizona
N. 10 USC
N. 17 at Stanford

OREGON (10–2)
Eugene, OR
S. 1 Wisconsin
S. 8 Utah
S. 22 USC
S. 29 at Utah State
O. 6 at Arizona
O. 13 at California
O. 20 Stanford
O. 27 at Washington State
N. 3 Arizona State
N. 10 at UCLA
D. 1 Oregon State

OREGON STATE (11–1)
Corvallis, OR
S. 1 at Fresno State
S. 8 at New Mexico State
S. 15 Montana State
S. 29 UCLA
O. 6 at Washington State
O. 13 Arizona
O. 20 at Arizona State
O. 27 California
N. 3 at USC
N. 10 Washington
D. 1 at Oregon

USC (5–7)
Los Angeles, CA
S. 1 San Jose State
S. 8 Kansas State
S. 22 at Oregon
S. 29 Stanford
O. 6 at Washington
O. 13 Arizona State
O. 20 at Notre Dame
O. 27 at Arizona
N. 3 Oregon State
N. 10 at California
N. 17 UCLA

STANFORD (5–6)
Stanford, CA
S. 8 Boston College
S. 15 at San Jose State
S. 22 Arizona State
S. 29 at USC
O. 13 Washington State
O. 20 at Oregon
O. 27 UCLA
N. 3 at Washington
N. 10 at Arizona
N. 17 California
N. 24 Notre Dame

UCLA (6–6)
Los Angeles, CA
S. 1 at Alabama
S. 8 at Kansas
S. 15 Arizona State
S. 22 Ohio State
S. 29 at Oregon State
O. 13 Washington
O. 20 California
O. 27 at Stanford
N. 3 at Washington State
N. 10 Oregon
N. 17 at USC

WASHINGTON (11–1)
Seattle, WA
S. 8 Michigan
S. 15 at Miami
S. 22 Idaho
S. 29 at California
O. 6 USC
O. 13 at UCLA
O. 20 Arizona
O. 27 at Arizona State
N. 3 Stanford
N. 10 at Oregon State
N. 17 Washington State

WASHINGTON ST. (4–7)
Pullman, WA
A. 30 Idaho
S. 8 at Boise State
S. 15 Colorado
S. 22 California
S. 29 at Arizona
O. 6 Oregon State
O. 13 at Stanford
O. 27 Oregon
N. 3 UCLA
N. 10 at Arizona State
N. 17 at Washington

SEC

ALABAMA (3–8)
Tuscaloosa, AL
S. 1 UCLA
S. 8 at Vanderbilt
S. 15 Southern Miss@
S. 22 Arkansas
S. 29 at South Carolina
O. 6 UTEP@
O. 13 at Ole Miss
O. 20 Tennessee
N. 3 LSU
N. 10 Miss State
N. 17 at Auburn
@Birmingham, AL

ARKANSAS (6–6)
Fayetteville, AR
S. 1 UNLV@
S. 8 Tennessee
S. 15 North Texas
S. 22 at Alabama
S. 29 at Georgia
O. 13 South Carolina@
O. 27 Auburn
N. 3 at Ole Miss
N. 10 Central Florida
N. 17 Mississippi State
N. 24 at LSU
@Little Rock, AR

AUBURN (9–4)
Auburn, AL
S. 1 Ball State
S. 8 Ole Miss
S. 15 at LSU
S. 22 at Syracuse
S. 29 at Vanderbilt
O. 6 Mississippi State
O. 13 Florida
O. 20 Louisiana Tech
O. 27 at Arkansas
N. 10 at Georgia
N. 17 Alabama

FLORIDA (10–3)
Gainesville, FL
S. 1 Marshall
S. 8 Louisiana-Monroe
S. 15 Tennessee
S. 22 at Kentucky
S. 29 Mississippi State
O.6 at LSU
O. 13 at Auburn
O. 27 Georgia@
N. 3 Vanderbilt
N. 10 at South Carolina
N. 17 Florida State
@Jacksonville, FL

GEORGIA (8–4)
Athens, GA
S. 1 Arkansas State
S. 8 South Carolina
S. 15 Houston
S. 29 Arkansas
O. 6 at Tennessee
O. 13 at Vanderbilt
O. 20 Kentucky
O. 27 Florida@
N. 10 Auburn
N. 17 at Ole Miss
N. 24 at Georgia Tech
@Jacksonville, FL

KENTUCKY (2–9)
Lexington, KY
S. 1 Louisville
S. 8 Ball State
S. 15 at Indiana
S. 22 Florida
S. 29 Ole Miss
O. 6 at South Carolina
O. 13 LSU
O. 20 at Georgia
N. 3 at Mississippi State
N. 10 at Vanderbilt
N. 17 Tennessee

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LSU (8–4)
Baton Rouge, LA
S. 1 Tulane
S. 8 Utah State
S. 15 Auburn
S. 29 at Tennessee
O. 6 Florida
O. 13 at Kentucky
O. 20 at Mississippi State
O. 27 Ole Miss
N. 3 at Alabama
N. 10 Middle Tennessee
N. 24 Arkansas

MISSISSIPPI STATE (8–4)
Starkville, MS
S. 1 Memphis
S. 15 BYU
S. 20 South Carolina
S. 29 at Florida
O. 6 at Auburn
O. 13 Troy State
O. 20 LSU
N. 3 Kentucky
N. 10 at Alabama
N. 17 at Arkansas
N. 22 Ole Miss

OLE MISS (7–5)
Oxford, MS
S. 1 Murray State
S. 8 at Auburn
S. 15 Vanderbilt
S. 29 at Kentucky
O. 6 at Arkansas State
O. 13 Alabama
O. 20 Middle Tennessee
O. 27 at LSU
N. 3 Arkansas
N. 17 Georgia
N. 22 at Mississippi State

SOUTH CAROLINA (8–4)
Columbia, SC
S. 1 Boise State
S. 8 at Georgia
S. 15 Bowling Green
S. 20 at Mississippi State
S. 29 Alabama
O. 6 Kentucky
O. 13 at Arkansas
O. 20 Vanderbilt
O. 27 at Tennessee
N. 10 Florida
N. 17 Clemson

TENNESSEE (8–4)
Knoxville, TN
S. 1 Syracuse
S. 8 at Arkansas
S. 15 at Florida
S. 29 LSU
O. 6 Georgia
O. 20 at Alabama
O. 27 South Carolina
N. 3 at Notre Dame
N. 10 Memphis
N. 17 at Kentucky
N. 24 Vanderbilt

VANDERBILT (3–8)
Nashville, TN
A. 30 Middle Tennessee
S. 8 Alabama
S. 15 at Ole Miss
S. 22 Richmond
S. 29 Auburn
O. 13 Georgia
O. 20 at South Carolina
O. 27 at Duke
N. 3 at Florida
N. 10 Kentucky
N. 24 at Tennessee

Sunbelt

ARKANSAS STATE (1–10)
Jonesboro, AR
S. 1 at Georgia
S. 8 at Baylor
S. 15 Nicholls State
S. 22 Jacksonville State
O. 6 Ole Miss
O. 13 Louisiana-Lafayette
O. 20 at North Texas
O. 27 Idaho
N. 3 at Middle Tennessee
N. 10 at New Mexico State
N. 17 Louisiana-Monroe

IDAHO (5–6)
Moscow, ID
A.30 Washington State
S. 8 at Arizona
S. 15 at Montana
S. 22 at Washington
S. 29 Boise State
O. 6 at Middle Tennessee
O. 13 at New Mexico State
O. 20 Louisiana-Lafayette
O. 27 at Arkansas State
N. 3 Louisiana-Monroe
N. 17 North Texas

LA-LAFAYETTE (1–10)
Lafayette, LA
S. 1 Nicholls State
S. 8 at Minnesota
S. 15 at Central Florida
S. 22 Southern Miss
S. 29 Middle Tennessee
O. 6 at Arizona State
O. 13 at Arkansas State
O. 20 at Idaho
O. 27 Louisiana-Monroe
N. 10 at North Texas
N. 17 New Mexico State

LA-MONROE (1–10)
Monroe, LA
S. 1 Sam Houston
S. 8 at Florida
S. 15 at Cincinnati
S. 22 Middle Tennessee
S. 29 New Mexico State
O. 6 North Texas
O. 20 at Central Florida
O. 27 at Louisiana-Lafayette
N. 3 at Idaho
N. 10 Troy State
N. 17 at Arkansas State

MIDDLE TENNESSEE (6–5)
Murfreesboro, TN
A. 30 at Vanderbilt
S. 8 Troy State
S. 22 at Louisiana-Monroe
S. 29 at Louisiana-Lafayette
O. 6 Idaho
O. 13 at North Texas
O. 20 at Ole Miss
O. 27 New Mexico State
N. 3 Arkansas State
N. 10 at LSU
N.17 Connecticut

NEW MEXICO ST. (3–8)
Las Cruces, NM
A. 23 at Louisville
S. 1 at Texas
S. 8 Oregon State
S. 15 at New Mexico
S. 22 at Kansas State
S. 29 at Louisiana-Monroe
O. 6 at Tulsa
O. 13 Idaho
O. 27 at Middle Tennessee
N. 3 North Texas
N. 10 Arkansas State
N. 17 at Louisiana-Lafayette

NORTH TEXAS (3–8)
Denton, TX
A. 30 TCU
S. 8 at Oklahoma
S. 15 at Arkansas
S. 22 Texas Tech
S. 29 at South Florida
O. 6 at Louisiana-Monroe
O. 13 Middle Tennessee
O. 20 Arkansas State
N. 3 at New Mexico State
N. 10 Louisiana-Lafayette
N. 17 at Idaho

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BOISE STATE (10–2)
Boise, ID
S. 1 at South Carolina
S. 8 Washington State
S. 15 Central Michigan
S. 22 UTEP
S. 29 at Idaho
O. 6 at Rice
O. 13 Tulsa
O. 20 at Fresno State
O. 27 Nevada
N. 10 at Hawaii
N. 17 San Jose State
N. 24 Louisiana Tech

FRESNO STATE (7–5)
Fresno, CA
A. 25 at Colorado
S. 1 Oregon State
S. 8 at Wisconsin
S. 15 Utah State
S. 22 at Tulsa
S. 29 Louisiana Tech
O. 13 at Colorado State
O. 20 Boise State
O. 27 at Hawaii
N. 3 Rice
N. 10 at SMU
N. 17 at Nevada
N. 24 San Jose State

HAWAII (3–9)
Honolulu, HI
S. 8 Montana@
S. 15 at Nevada
S. 29 Rice
O. 6 at SMU
O. 13 UTEP
O. 20 at Tulsa
O. 27 Fresno State
N. 3 San Jose State
N. 10 Boise State
N. 17 Miami (Ohio)
N. 24 Air Force
D. 1 BYU
@War Memorial, Maui

LOUISIANA TECH (3–9)
Ruston, LA
S. 1 SMU@
S. 8 at Oklahoma State
S. 15 at Kansas State
S. 29 at Fresno State
O. 6 San Jose State
O. 13 at Nevada
O. 20 at Auburn
O. 27 Rice
N. 3 at Tulsa
N. 10 at UTEP
N. 24 Boise State
@Shreveport, LA

NEVADA (2–10)
Reno, NV
S. 1 at BYU
S. 8 at Colorado State
S. 15 Hawaii
S. 22 at San Jose State
O. 6 UNLV
O. 13 Louisiana Tech
O. 20 at Rice
O. 27 at Boise State
N. 3 SMU
N. 17 Fresno State
N. 24 UTEP

RICE (3–8)
Houston, TX
S. 1 at Houston
S. 8 Duke
S. 15 at Nebraska
S. 29 at Hawaii
O. 6 Boise State
O. 13 at Navy
O. 20 Nevada
O. 27 at Louisiana Tech
N. 3 at Fresno State
N. 10 Tulsa
N. 17 UTEP
N. 24 at SMU

SAN JOSE STATE (7–5)
San Jose, CA
S. 1 at USC
S. 8 at Colorado
S. 15 Stanford
S. 22 Nevada
S. 29 at Arizona State
O. 6 at Louisiana Tech
O. 13 SMU
O. 20 at UTEP
O. 27 Tulsa
N. 3 at Hawaii
N. 17 at Boise State
N. 24 at Fresno State

SMU (3–9)
Dallas, TX
S. 1 at Louisiana Tech
S. 8 TCU
S. 15 at North Carolina
S. 22 North Carolina State
O. 6 Hawaii
O. 13 at San Jose State
O. 27 UTEP
N. 3 at Nevada
N. 10 Fresno State
N. 17 at Tulsa
N. 24 Rice

TULSA (5–7)
Tulsa, OK
A. 30 Indiana State
S. 15 at Oklahoma
S. 22 Fresno State
S. 29 at UTEP
O. 6 New Mexico State
O. 13 at Boise State
O. 20 Hawaii
O. 27 at San Jose State
N. 3 Louisiana Tech
N. 10 at Rice
N. 17 SMU

UTEP (8–4)
El Paso, TX
A. 31 at New Mexico
S. 8 Texas Southern
S. 15 Texas Tech
S. 22 at Boise State
S. 29 Tulsa
O. 6 at Alabama
O. 13 at Hawaii
O. 27 at SMU
N. 10 Louisiana Tech
N. 17 at Rice
N. 24 Nevada

I-A Independents

CENTRAL FLORIDA (7–4)
Orlando, FL
S. 1 at Clemson
S. 8 at Syracuse
S. 15 Louisiana-Lafayette
S. 22 at Tulane
S. 29 at Virginia Tech
O. 6 UAB
O. 13 Liberty
O. 20 Louisiana-Monroe
O. 27 at Utah State
N. 3 Akron
N. 10 at Arkansas

CONNECTICUT (3–8)
Storrs, CT
S. 1 at Virginia Tech
S. 8 Eastern Washington
S. 15 at Temple
S. 22 Buffalo
S. 29 at Rutgers
O. 6 Eastern Michigan
O. 13 at South Florida
O. 27 Ball State
N. 3 at Cincinnati
N. 10 Utah State
N. 17 at Middle Tennessee

NAVY (1–10)
Annapolis, MD
A. 30 at Temple
S. 8 Georgia Tech
S. 15 at Northwestern
S. 22 Boston College
O. 6 Air Force
O. 13 Rice
O. 20 at Rutgers
O. 27 at Toledo
N. 10 Tulane
N. 17 at Notre Dame
D. 1 Army@
@Philadelphia, PA

NOTRE DAME (9–3)
South Bend, IN
S. 8 at Nebraska
S. 15 at Purdue
S. 22 Michigan State
S. 29 at Texas A&M
O. 6 Pittsburgh
O. 13 West Virginia
O. 20 USC
O. 27 at Boston College
N. 3 Tennessee
N. 17 Navy
N. 24 at Stanford

SOUTH FLORIDA (7–4)
Tampa, FL
A. 30 at Northern Illinois
S. 8 at Pittsburgh
S. 15 Southern Utah
S. 22 at Memphis
S. 29 North Texas
O. 6 at Utah
O. 13 Connecticut
O. 27 Liberty
N. 3 Houston
N. 10 Western Illinois
N. 24 Utah State

TROY STATE (9–3)
Troy, AL
S. 1 at Nebraska
S. 8 at Middle Tennessee
S. 15 Appalachian State
S.22 at Nicholls State
O. 6 at Miami
O. 16 at Mississippi State
O. 20 Cal State-Northridge
O. 27 Southern Utah
N. 3 at Maryland
N. 10 at Louisiana-Monroe
N. 17 Jacksonville State

UTAH STATE (5–6)
Logan, UT
S. 1 at Utah
S. 8 at LSU
S. 15 at Fresno State
S. 22 Wyoming
S. 29 Oregon
O. 5 at BYU
O. 20 Idaho State
O. 27 Central Florida
N. 10 at Connecticut
N. 17 Weber State
N. 24 at South Florida

Atlantic 10

DELAWARE (12–2)
Newark, DE
A. 30 Rhode Island
S. 8 at Georgia Southern
S. 15 West Chester
S. 22 Massachusetts
S. 29 at Northeastern
O. 6 at New Hampshire
O. 13 Hofstra
O. 20 William & Mary
N. 3 at James Madison
N. 10 Richmond
N. 17 at Villanova

HOFSTRA (9–4)
Hempstead, NY
S. 1 Northeastern
S. 8 at Rhode Island
S. 15 New Hampshire
S. 22 Maine
S. 29 Massachusetts
O. 6 at William and Mary
O. 13 at Delaware
O. 20 Elon
N. 3 at Richmond
N. 10 Villanova
N. 17 at Liberty

JAMES MADISON (6–5)
Harrisonburg, VA
S. 1 Elon
S. 8 at New Hampshire
S. 15 Florida Atlantic
S. 22 Rhode Island
S. 29 at Maine
O. 6 at Villanova
O. 13 Richmond
O. 27 at Massachusetts
N. 3 Delaware
N. 10 at William & Mary
N. 17 Northeastern

MAINE (5–6)
Orono, ME
S. 8 Colgate
S. 22 at Hofstra
S. 29 James Madison
O. 6 Richmond
O. 13 at Northeastern
O. 20 Villanova
O. 27 at William & Mary
N. 3 at Rhode Island
N. 10 Massachusetts
N. 17 at New Hampshire

MASSACHUSETTS (7–4)
Amherst, MA
S. 1 William & Mary
S. 8 at Marshall
S. 15 Richmond
S. 22 at Delaware
S. 29 at Hofstra
O. 13 New Hampshire
O. 20 James Madison
O. 27 at Villanova
N. 3 Northeastern
N. 10 at Maine
N. 17 Rhode Island

NEW HAMPSHIRE (6–5)
Durham, NH
S. 8 James Madison
S. 15 at Hofstra
S. 22 at Dartmouth
S. 29 at William & Mary
O. 6 Delaware
O. 13 at Massachusetts
O. 20 at Rhode Island
N. 3 Villanova
N. 10 at Northeastern
N. 17 Maine

NORTHEASTERN (4–7)
Boston, MA
S. 1 Richmond
S. 8 at Villanova
S. 15 at Rhode Island
S. 22 Hofstra
S. 29 Delaware
O. 6 at Harvard
O. 13 Maine
O. 27 St. Mary's
N. 3 at Massachusetts
N. 10 New Hampshire
N. 17 at James Madison

RHODE ISLAND (3–8)
Kingston, RI
A. 30 at Delaware
S. 8 Hofstra
S. 15 Northeastern
S. 22 at James Madison
S. 29 at Brown
O. 6 at Hampton
O. 13 William & Mary
O. 20 New Hampshire
O. 27 at Richmond
N. 3 Maine
N. 10 at Massachusetts

RICHMOND (10–3)
Richmond, VA
S. 1 at Virginia
S. 15 at Massachusetts
S. 22 at Vanderbilt
S. 29 Villanova
O. 6 at Maine
O. 20 at Northeastern
O. 27 Rhode Island
N. 3 Hofstra
N. 10 at Delaware
N. 17 William & Mary

VILLANOVA (5–6)
Philadelphia, PA
A. 30 Colgate
S. 8 Northeastern
S. 15 at William & Mary
S. 29 at Richmond
O. 6 James Madison
O. 12 New Haven
O. 20 at Maine
O. 27 Massachusetts
N. 3 at New Hampshire
N. 10 at Hofstra
N. 17 Delaware

WILLIAM & MARY (5–6)
Williamsburg, VA
S. 1 at UMass
S. 8 at VMI
S. 15 Villanova
S. 22 at East Carolina
S. 29 New Hampshire
O. 6 Hofstra
O. 13 at Rhode Island
O. 20 at Delaware
O. 27 Maine
N. 10 James Madison
N. 17 at Richmond

Big Sky

CAL ST.-NORTHRIDGE (4–7)
Northridge, CA
A. 30 North Arizona
S. 15 Southwest Texas
S. 22 Stephen F. Austin
O. 6 Western Oregon
O. 13 UC Davis
O. 20 Troy State
O. 27 Eastern Washington
N. 3 Sacramento State
N. 10 Cal Poly
N. 17 Portland State

EASTERN WASHINGTON (6–5)
Cheney, WA
S. 8 at Connecticut
S. 15 at Idaho State
S. 22 Weber State
S. 29 at Montana
O. 6 Montana State
O. 13 Simon Fraser
O. 20 at Sacramento State
O. 27 Cal State-Northridge
N. 3 at Northern Arizona
N. 10 Portland State

IDAHO STATE (6–5)
Pocatello, ID
S. 8 Montana Tech
S. 15 Eastern Washington
S. 22 at Sacramento State
S. 29 Montana St.-Northern
O. 6 at Northern Arizona
O. 13 Portland State
O. 20 at Utah Sate
O. 27 at Weber State
N. 3 Montana
N. 10 at Montana State
N. 17 Southern Utah

MONTANA (13–2)
Missoula, MT
S. 1 at Cal Poly
S. 8 Hawaii@
S. 15 Idaho
S. 29 Eastern Washington
O. 6 at Sacramento State
O. 13 St. Mary's
O. 20 at Northern Arizona
O. 27 Portland State
N. 3 at Idaho State
N. 10 Weber State
N. 17 at Montana State
@War Memorial, Maui

MONTANA STATE (0–11)
Bozeman, MT
A. 30 at UAB
S. 8 Weber State
S. 15 at Oregon State
S. 22 at Cal Poly
O. 6 E. Washington
O. 13 Sacramento State
O. 27 North Arizona
N. 3 Portland State
N. 10 Idaho State
N. 17 Montana

NORTHERN ARIZONA (3–8)
Flagstaff, AZ
A. 30 Cal State-Northridge
S. 8 Stephen F. Austin
S. 15 at Oklahoma State
S. 22 at Southern Utah
S. 29 at Portland State
O. 6 Idaho State
O. 13 at Weber State
O. 20 Montana
O. 27 at Montana State
N. 3 Eastern Washington
N. 10 at Sacramento State

PORTLAND STATE (8–4)
Portland, OR
S. 1 at Stephen F. Austin
S. 8 at Troy State
S. 15 Sacramento State
S. 22 Grambling
S. 29 Northern Arizona
O. 13 at Idaho State
O. 20 Weber State
O. 27 at Montana
N. 3 Montana State
N. 10 at Eastern Washington
N. 17 Cal Sate-Northridge

SACRAMENTO STATE (7–4)
Sacramento, CA
S. 1 Saint Mary's
S. 8 at Cal Poly
S. 15 at Portland State
S. 22 Idaho State
S. 29 at Weber State
O. 6 Montana
O. 13 at Montana State
O. 20 Eastern Washington
O. 27 UC Davis
N. 3 at Cal State-Northridge
N. 10 Northern Arizona

WEBER STATE (7–4)
Ogden, UT
S. 1 at Southern Utah
S. 8 Montana State
S. 15 Eastern Oregon
S. 22 at Eastern Washington
S. 29 Sacramento State
O. 13 Northern Arizona
O. 20 at Portland State
O. 27 Idaho State
N. 3 Cal Poly
N. 10 at Montana
N. 17 at Utah State

Gateway

ILLINOIS STATE (7–4)
Normal, IL
A. 30 at Western Michigan
S. 8 at Murray State
S. 15 Eastern Illinois
S. 22 SE Missouri State
S. 29 Western Kentucky
O. 6 at Southern Illinois
O. 13 Western Illinois
O. 20 at Youngstown State
O. 27 Northern Iowa
N. 10 Indiana State
N. 17 at SW Missouri State

INDIANA STATE (1–10)
Terre Haute, IN
A. 30 at Tulsa
S. 8 at Eastern Illinois
S. 15 Western Illinois
S. 22 at Eastern Michigan
S. 29 Stephen F. Austin
O. 6 Youngstown State
O. 13 Western Kentucky
O. 20 at SW Missouri State
O. 27 Southern Illinois
N. 3 at Northern Iowa
N. 10 at Illinois State

NORTHERN IOWA (7–4)
Cedar Falls, IA
A. 30 Wayne State
S. 8 at Iowa State
S. 15 at Stephen F. Austin
S. 29 Youngstown State
O. 6 at SW Missouri State
O. 13 Southern Illinois
O. 20 at Western Illinois
O. 27 at Illinois State
N. 3 Indiana State
N. 10 at Western Kentucky
N.17 Cal Poly

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (3–8)
Carbondale, IL
S. 8 at SE Missouri State
S. 15 at Ball State
S. 22 Murray State
S. 29 at Western Illinois
O. 6 Illinois State
O. 20 Eastern Illinois
O. 27 at Indiana State
N. 3 Youngstown State
N. 10 SW Missouri State
N. 17 at Western Kentucky

SW MISSOURI STATE (5–6)
Springfield, MO
S. 1 at Kansas
S. 8 Midwestern State
S. 15 at Southeast Missouri
S. 22 Western Kentucky
O. 6 Northern Iowa
O. 13 at Youngstown State
O. 20 Indiana State
O. 27 at Western Illinois
N. 3 Drake
N. 10 at Southern Illinois
N. 17 Illinois State

WESTERN ILLINOIS (9–3)
Macomb, IL
A. 30 Western Kentucky
S. 15 at Indiana State
S. 22 at Youngstown State
S. 29 Southern Illinois
O. 6 Southern Utah
O. 13 at Illinois State
O. 20 Northern Iowa
O. 27 SW Missouri State
N. 3 at Sam Houston State
N. 10 at South Florida

WESTERN KENTUCKY (11–2)
Bowling Green, KY
A. 30 at Western Illinois
S. 8 Kentucky State
S. 15 at Wisconsin
S. 22 SW Missouri State
S. 29 at Illinois State
O. 6 Elon
O. 13 at Indiana State
O. 20 McNeese State
O. 27 at Youngstown State
N. 10 Northern Iowa
N. 17 Southern Illinois

YOUNGSTOWN STATE (9–3)
Youngstown, OH
A. 30 Lock Haven
S. 8 Clarion
S. 15 at Toledo
S. 29 Western Illinois
O. 6 at Indian State
O. 13 SW Missouri State
O. 20 Illinois State
O. 27 Western Kentucky
N. 3 at Southern Illinois
N. 17 Wofford

Ivy

BROWN (7–3)
Providence, RI
S. 15 at San Diego
S. 22 at Harvard
S. 29 Rhode Island
O. 6 Fordham
O. 13 Princeton
O. 20 at Cornell
O. 27 Penn
N. 3 at Yale
N. 10 Dartmouth
N. 17 at Columbia

COLUMBIA (3–7)
New York, NY
S. 15 at Fordham
S. 22 Bucknell
S. 29 at Princeton
O. 6 at Lafayette
O. 13 Penn
O. 20 at Dartmouth
O. 27 Yale
N. 3 Harvard
N. 10 at Cornell
N. 17 Brown

CORNELL (5–5)
Ithaca, NY
S. 15 Bucknell
S. 22 at Yale
S. 29 at Colgate
O. 6 Lehigh
O. 13 Harvard
O. 20 Brown
O. 27 at Princeton
N. 3 at Dartmouth
N. 10 Columbia
N. 17 at Penn

DARTMOUTH (2–8)
Hanover, NH
S. 15 at Colgate
S. 22 New Hampshire
S. 29 Penn
O. 6 at Yale
O. 13 at Holy Cross
O. 20 Columbia
O. 27 at Harvard
N. 3 Cornell
N. 10 at Brown
N. 17 Princeton

HARVARD (5–5)
Cambridge, MA
S. 15 at Holy Cross
S. 22 Brown
O. 13 at Cornell
O. 20 Princeton
O. 27 Dartmouth
N. 3 at Columbia
N. 10 Penn
N. 17 at Yale

PENN (7–3)
Philadelphia, PA
S. 15 Lehigh
S. 22 at Lafayette
S. 29 at Dartmouth
O. 6 Holy Cross
O. 13 at Columbia
O. 20 Yale
O. 27 at Brown
N. 3 Princeton
N. 10 at Harvard
N. 17 Cornell

PRINCETON (3–7)
Princeton, NJ
S. 15 Lafayette
S. 22 at Lehigh
S. 29 Columbia
O. 6 Colgate
O. 13 at Brown
O. 20 at Harvard
O. 27 Cornell
N. 3 at Penn
N. 10 Yale
N.17 at Dartmouth

YALE (7–3)
New Haven, CT
S. 15 at Towson
S. 22 Cornell
S. 29 at Holy Cross
O. 6 Dartmouth
O. 13 Fordham
O. 20 at Penn
O. 27 at Columbia
N. 3 Brown
N. 10 at Princeton
N. 17 Harvard

Metro Atlantic

CANISIUS (0–10)
Buffalo, NY
S. 8 Iona
S. 15 at Sacred Heart
S. 22 at LaSalle
S. 29 at Monmouth
O. 6 Albany
O. 13 at Siena
O. 20 Fairfield
O. 27 at Dayton
N. 3 Marist
N. 11 at St. Peter's
N. 18 at Duquesne

DUQUESNE (10–1)
Pittsburgh, PA
A. 30 VMI
S. 8 St. Peter's
S. 15 at Iona
S. 22 at Butler
S. 29 Dayton
O. 6 at Georgetown
O. 20 La Salle
O. 27 Siena
N. 3 at Fairfield
N. 10 at Marist
N. 17 Canisius

FAIRFIELD (8–2)
Fairfield, CT
A. 30 at Fairmont State
S. 8 Fordham
S. 15 Siena
S. 29 at Iona
O. 6 Marist
O. 13 at San Diego
O. 20 at Canisius
N. 3 Duquesne
N. 10 La Salle
N. 17 at St. Peter's

IONA (4–7)
New Rochelle, NY
S. 8 at Canisius
S. 15 Duquesne
S. 22 at Montclair
S. 29 Fairfield
O. 6 at St. Peter's
O. 13 Marist
O. 20 at Siena
O. 27 Sacred Heart
N. 3 at La Salle
N. 16 at St. John's

LA SALLE (7–4)
Philadelphia, PA
S. 8 at St. Francis
S. 15 at Marist
S. 22 Canisius
S. 29 Catholic
O. 6 at Siena
O. 13 St. Peter's
O. 20 at Duquesne
O. 27 St. John's
N. 3 Iona
N. 10 at Fairfield

MARIST (6–4)
Poughkeepsie, NY
S. 8 Frostburg State
S. 15 La Salle
S. 22 at Florida Atlantic
S. 29 St. Peter's
O. 6 at Fairfield
O. 13 at Iona
O. 27 Georgetown
N. 3 at Canisius
N. 10 Duquesne
N. 17 Siena

ST. PETER'S (4–7)
Jersey City, NJ
S. 1 Central Conn. State
S. 8 at Duquesne
S. 22 St. Francis
S. 29 at Marist
O. 6 Iona
O. 13 at La Salle
O. 20 at St. John's
O. 27 at Florida Atlantic
N. 3 at Siena
N. 10 Canisius
N. 17 Fairfield

SIENA (1–9)
Loudonville, NY
S. 8 at Hartwick
S. 15 at Stony Brook
S. 22 at Fairfield
S. 29 Sacred Heart
O. 6 LaSalle
O. 20 Iona
O. 27 at Duquesne
N. 3 St. Peter's
N. 17 at Marist

Mid-Eastern

BETHUNE-COOKMAN (9–2)
Daytona Beach, FL
S. 1 Morgan State@
S. 8 Florida Atlantic
S. 15 Savannah State#
S. 22 at Norfolk State
S. 29 Morris Brown
O. 6 Delaware State$
O. 13 at SC State
O. 27 NC A&T
N. 3 Hampton
N. 10 at Howard
N. 17 Florida A&M*
@Jacksonville, FL
#Ft. Lauderdale, FL
$Philadelphia, PA
*Orlando, FL

DELAWARE STATE (7–4)
Dover, DE
S. 1 at Florida A&M
S. 15 at NC A&T
S. 22 Liberty
S. 29 at Hampton
O. 6 Bethune-Cookman@
O. 20 Morgan State
O. 27 at SC State
N. 3 at Savannah State
N. 10 Norfolk State
N. 17 Howard
@Philadelphia, PA

FLORIDA A&M (9–3)
Tallahassee, FL
S. 1 Delaware
S. 8 Morgan
S. 15 vs. Grambling@
S. 22 vs. Tennessee State%
S. 29 at Howard
O. 6 vs. SC State#
O. 13 at NC A&T
O. 20 Norfolk State
O. 27 at Hampton
N. 3 Southern
N. 17 vs. Bethune-Cookman$
@Cincinnati, OH
%Atlanta, GA
#Jacksonville, FL
$Orlando, FL

HAMPTON (7–4)
Hampton, VA
S. 1 New Hampshire
S. 8 Howard
S. 22 Virginia State
S. 29 Delaware State
O. 13 Norfolk State
O. 20 SC State
O. 27 Florida A&M
N. 3 Bethune-Cookman
N. 10 NC A&T
N. 17 Morgan State

HOWARD (3–8)
Washington, DC
S. 1 Jackson State@
S. 8 at Hampton
S. 22 at Morgan State
S. 29 Florida A&M
O. 6 Tennessee State#
O. 13 Benedict College
O. 20 NC A&T
O. 27 at Norfolk State
N. 3 SC State
N. 10 Bethune-Cookman
N. 17 at Delaware State
@Chicago, IL
#Indianapolis, IN

MORGAN STATE (1–10)
Baltimore, MD
S. 1 Bethune Cookman@
S. 8 at Florida A&M
S. 22 Howard
S. 29 Towson
O. 6 NC A&T
O. 13 Savannah State
O. 20 at Delaware State
O. 27 at Morris Brown
N. 3 Norfolk State
N. 10 SC State
N. 17 at Hampton
@Jacksonville, FL

NORFOLK STATE (3–8)
Norfolk, VA
S. 15 at SC State
S. 22 Bethune-Cookman
S. 29 NC A&T
O. 13 at Hampton
O. 20 at FLorida A&M
O. 27 Howard
N. 3 at Murray State
N. 10 Delaware State

NC A&T (8–3)
Greensboro, NC
S. 2 at North Carolina Central
S. 15 Delaware State
S. 22 at Elon
S. 29 at Norfolk State
O. 6 at Morgan State
O. 13 Florida A&M
O. 20 at Howard
O. 27 at Bethune-Cookman
N. 3 vs. Jackson State@
N. 10 Hampton
N. 17 vs. SC State$
@Atlanta, GA
$Charlotte, NC

SC STATE (3–8)
Orangeburg, SC
S. 1 at Morris Brown
S. 8 Savannah State
S. 15 Norfolk State
S. 29 at The Citadel
O. 6 at Florida A&M
O. 13 Bethune-Cookman
O. 20 at Hampton
O. 27 Delaware State
N. 3 at Howard
N. 10 at Morgan State
N. 17 at NC A&T

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Northeast

ALBANY (5–6)
Albany, NY
S. 1 Towson
S. 8 St. John's
S. 15 at Central Conn. State
S. 22 at Wagner
S. 29 Stony Brook
O. 6 at Canisius
O. 20 Sacred Heart
O. 27 at St. Francis
N. 3 at Monmouth
N. 10 Robert Morris
N. 17 at Florida Atlantic

CENTRAL CONN. STATE (4–6)
New Britain, CT
S. 1 at St. Peter's
S. 8 Sacred Heart
S. 15 Albany
S. 22 Monmouth
O. 6 at St. Francis
O. 13 at Wagner
O. 20 Robert Morris
N. 2 at St. John's
N. 10 at Stony Brook

MONMOUTH (5–6)
W. Long Branch, NJ
S. 8 Wagner
S. 15 Robert Morris
S. 22 at Central Conn. State
S. 29 Canisius
O. 6 C.W. Post
O. 13 at St. Francis
O. 20 at Stony Brook
O. 27 at Towson
N. 3 Albany
N. 10 St. John's
N. 17 at Sacred Heart

ROBERT MORRIS (10–0)
Corapolis, PA
S. 1 at Buffalo State
S. 8 Dayton
S. 15 at Monmouth
S. 22 Sacred Heart
S. 29 St. Francis
O. 13 at St. John's
O. 20 at Central Conn. State
O. 27 Wagner
N. 3 Stony Brook
N. 10 at Albany

SACRED HEART (10–1)
Fairfield, CT
S. 8 at Central Conn. State
S. 15 Canisius
S. 22 at Robert Morris
S. 29 at Siena
O. 6 St. John's
O. 13 Stony Brook
O. 20 at Albany
O. 27 at Iona
N. 3 at Wagner
N. 10 St. Francis
N. 17 Monmouth

ST. FRANCIS (0–11)
Loretto, PA
S. 1 at Dayton
S. 8 La Salle
S. 15 St. John's
S. 22 at Saint Peter's
S. 29 at Robert Morris
O. 6 Central Conn. State
O. 13 Monmouth
O. 20 at Wagner
O. 27 Albany
N. 10 at Sacred Heart
N. 17 at Stony Brook

ST. JOHN'S (5–6)
New York, NY
S. 8 at Albany
S. 15 at St. Francis
S. 21 Stony Brook
S. 29 Wagner
O. 6 at Sacred Heart
O. 13 Robert Morris
O. 20 St. Peter's
O. 27 at La Salle
N. 2 Central Conn. State
N. 10 at Monmouth
N. 16 Iona

STONY BROOK (2–8)
Stony Brook, NY
S. 15 Siena
S. 21 at St. John's
S. 29 at Albany
O. 6 Wagner
O. 13 at Sacred Heart
O. 20 Monmouth
O. 27 Jacksonville
N. 3 at Robert Morris
N. 10 Central Conn. State
N. 17 St. Francis

WAGNER (6–5)
Staten Island, NY
S. 8 at Monmouth
S. 15 at Georgetown
S. 22 Albany
S. 29 at St. John's
O. 6 at Stony Brook
O. 13 Central Conn. State
O. 27 at Robert Morris
N. 3 Sacred Heat
N. 10 at San Diego

Ohio Valley

EASTERN ILLINOIS (8–4)
Charleston, IL
S. 8 Indiana State
S. 15 at Illinois State
S. 22 at Eastern Kentucky
S. 29 Tennessee Tech
O. 6 at San Diego State
O. 13 SE Missouri State
O. 20 at Southern Illinois
O. 27 Tennessee State
N. 1 at Tennessee-Martin
N. 10 at Florida Atlantic
N. 17 Murray State

EASTERN KENTUCKY (6–5)
Richmond, KY
A. 30 at Central Michigan
S. 8 Liberty
S. 15 at Elon
S. 22 Eastern Illinois
S. 29 at Tennessee-Martin
O. 6 Glenville State
O. 13 at Murray State
O. 20 Tennessee Tech
N. 3 at SE Missouri State
N. 10 Samford
N. 17 Tennessee State

MURRAY STATE (6–5)
Murray, KY
S. 1 at Ole Miss
S. 8 Illinois State
S. 15 North Alabama
S. 22 at Southern Illinois
O. 6 at Tennessee Tech
O. 13 Eastern Kentucky
O. 20 at SE Missouri State
N. 3 at Tennessee State
N. 10 Tennessee-Martin
N. 17 at Eastern Illinois

SE MISSOURI STATE (3–8)
Cape Girardeau, MO
S. 1 at Eastern Michigan
S. 8 Southern Illinois
S. 15 SW Missouri State
S. 22 at Illinois State
S. 29 at Tennessee State
O. 6 Tennessee-Martin
O. 13 at Eastern Illinois
O. 20 Murray State
O. 27 at Tennessee Tech
N. 3 Eastern Kentucky
N. 10 Quincy

TENNESSEE-MARTIN (2–9)
Martin, TN
A. 30 Gardner-Webb
S. 6 at Tusculum
S. 13 Kentucky Wesleyan
S. 29 Eastern Kentucky
O. 6 SE Missouri State
O. 13 Morehead State
O. 20 at Tennessee State
O. 27 at Samford
N. 1 Eastern Illinois
N. 8 at Murray State
N. 15 Tennessee Tech

TENNESSEE STATE (3–8)
Nashville, TN
S. 1 Alabama A&M
S. 15 at Jackson State
S. 22 at Florida A&M
S. 29 SE Missouri State
O. 6 Howard@
O. 13 Miss. Valley State
O. 20 Tennessee-Martin
O. 27 at Eastern Illinois
N. 3 Murray State
N. 10 at Tennessee Tech
N.17 at Eastern Kentucky
@Indianapolis, IN

TENNESSEE TECH (8–3)
Cookeville, TN
S. 8 at Air Force
S. 15 at Samford
S. 22 West Virginia Tech
S. 29 at Eastern Illinois
O. 6 Murray State
O. 20 at Eastern Kentucky
O. 27 SE Missouri State
N. 3 at Jacksonville State
N. 10 Tennessee State
N. 15 at Tennessee-Martin

Patriot

BUCKNELL (6–5)
Lewisburg, PA
S. 8 at Kent
S. 15 at Cornell
S. 22 at Columbia
S. 29 St. Mary's
O. 6 Towson
O. 13 at Lafayette
O. 20 Georgetown
O. 27 at Fordham
N. 3 Holy Cross
N. 10 Lehigh
N. 17 at Colgate

COLGATE (7–4)
Hamilton, NY
A. 30 at Villanova
S. 8 at Maine
S. 15 Dartmouth
S. 22 Fordham
S. 29 Cornell
O. 6 at Princeton
O. 20 Towson
O. 27 at Lafayette
N. 3 Lehigh
N. 10 at Holy Cross
N. 17 Bucknell

FORDHAM (3–8)
Bronx, NY
S. 8 at Fairfield
S. 15 Columbia
S. 22 at Colgate
S. 29 Georgetown
O. 6 at Brown
O. 13 at Yale
O. 20 Lehigh
O. 27 Bucknell
N. 3 at Lafayette
N. 10 at Towson
N. 17 Holy Cross

HOLY CROSS (7–4)
Worchester, MA
S. 8 Georgetown
S. 15 Harvard
S. 22 at Towson
S. 29 Yale
O. 6 at Penn
O. 13 Dartmouth
O. 20 Lafayette
O. 27 at Lehigh
N. 3 at Bucknell
N. 10 Colgate
N. 17 at Fordham

LAFAYETTE (2–9)
Easton, PA
S. 8 at Towson
S. 15 at Princeton
S. 22 Penn
O. 6 Columbia
O. 13 Bucknell
O. 20 at Holy Cross
O. 27 Colgate
N. 3 Fordham
N. 17 at Lehigh

LEHIGH (12–1)
Bethlehem, PA
S. 1 at Georgetown
S. 15 at Penn
S. 22 Princeton
O. 6 at Cornell
O. 13 Towson
O. 20 at Fordham
O. 27 Holy Cross
N. 3 at Colgate
N. 10 at Bucknell
N. 17 Lafayette

TOWSON (7–4)
Towson, MD
S. 1 at Albany
S. 8 Lafayette
S. 15 Yale
S. 22 Holy Cross
S. 29 at Morgan State
O. 6 at Bucknell
O. 13 at Lehigh
O. 20 at Colgate
O. 27 Monmouth
N. 10 Fordham
N. 17 at Georgetown

Pioneer

AUSTIN PEAY (2–8)
Clarksville, TN
A. 30 Campbellsville
S. 8 at Catawba
S. 15 at Dayton
S. 22 Valparaiso
S. 29 Jacksonville
O. 6 at Virginia-Wise
O. 13 at Charleston Southern
O. 20 Kentucky Wesleyan
O. 27 at Morehead State
N. 3 St. Joseph's
N. 10 at Davidson

BUTLER (2–8)
Indianapolis, IN
S. 1 at St. Francis
S. 8 Morehead State
S. 22 Duquesne
S. 29 Albion
O. 6 Valparaiso
O. 20 at San Diego
O. 27 Drake
N. 2 Quincy
N. 10 at Southern Utah

DAVIDSON (10–0)
Davidson, NC
S. 1 Valparaiso
S. 8 at Jacksonville
S. 15 Drake
S. 22 at Emory & Henry
O. 6 at Morehead State
O. 13 at Georgetown
O. 20 at Randolph-Macon
O. 27 Hampden-Sydney
N. 3 at Centre
N. 10 Austin Peay

DAYTON (8–3)
Dayton, OH
S. 1 St. Francis
S. 8 at Robert Morris
S. 15 Austin Peay
S. 22 at Morehead State
S. 29 at Duquesne
O. 6 San Diego
O. 13 Butler
O. 20 at Drake
O. 27 Canisius
N. 3 Valparaiso
N. 10 at St. Mary's

DRAKE (7–4)
Des Moines, IA
S. 1 at Truman
S. 8 St. Ambrose
S. 15 at Davidson
S. 22 Quincy
S. 29 at San Diego
O. 6 Florida Atlantic
O. 13 at Valparaiso
O. 20 Dayton
O. 27 at Butler
N. 3 at SW Missouri State
N. 10 at Jacksonville

JACKSONVILLE (3–8)
Jacksonville, FL
S. 1 at Lenoir-Rhyne
S. 8 Davidson
S. 15 Morehead State
S. 29 at Austin Peay
O. 6 Charleston Southern
O. 13 at Florida Atlantic
O. 20 Virginia-Wise
O. 27 at Stony Brook
N. 3 Western Maryland
N. 10 Drake

MOREHEAD STATE (6–3)
Morehead, KY
A. 30 Tusculum
S. 8 at Butler
S. 15 at Jacksonville
S. 22 Dayton
S. 29 Valparaiso
O. 6 Davidson
O. 13 at Tennessee-Martin
O. 27 Austin Peay
N. 3 at Kentucky Wesleyan
N. 10 at Tiffin

SAN DIEGO (4–6)
San Diego, CA
S. 1 Azusa Pacific
S. 8 at Redlands
S. 15 Brown
S. 29 Drake
O. 6 at Dayton
O. 13 Fairfield
O. 20 Butler
O. 27 at Valparaiso
N. 3 Georgetown
N. 10 Wagner

VALPARAISO (7–4)
Valparaiso, IN
S. 1 at Davidson
S. 8 Hope
S. 15 Wisconsin-Eau Claire
S. 22 at Austin Peay
S. 29 at Morehead
O. 6 at Butler
O. 13 Drake
O. 20 St. Joseph's
O. 27 San Diego
N. 3 at Dayton
N. 10 at Aurora

Southern Conference

APPALACHIAN ST. (10–4)
Boone, NC
S. 1 Liberty
S. 8 at Wake Forest
S. 15 at Troy State
S. 22 at The Citadel
S. 29 East Tennessee State
O. 6 at Furman
O. 13 Georgia Southern
O. 20 at Wofford
O. 27 Chattanooga
N. 3 at VMI
N. 10 Western Carolina

CHATTANOOGA (5–6)
Chattanooga, TN
A. 30 at Samford
S. 8 at Memphis
S. 15 Kentucky State
S. 22 at Georgia Southern
S. 29 Wofford
O. 13 at VMI
O. 20 Western Carolina
O. 27 at Appalachian State
N. 3 The Citadel
N. 10 at East Tennessee State
N. 17 Furman

THE CITADEL (2–9)
Charleston, SC
S. 1 at Georgia Tech
S. 15 at Western Carolina
S. 22 Appalachian State
S. 29 SC State
O. 6 at East Tennessee State
O. 13 Furman
O. 20 at Georgia Southern
O. 27 Wofford
N. 3 at Chattanooga
N. 11 VMI

EAST TENN. STATE (6–5)
Johnson City, TN
S. 1 at Pittsburgh
S. 8 Gardner-Webb
S. 15 at VMI
S. 22 Western Carolina
S. 29 at Appalachian State
O. 6 The Citadel
O. 20 at Furman
O. 27 Georgia Southern
N. 3 at Wofford
N. 10 Chattanooga
N. 17 at Charleston Southern

FURMAN (9–3)
Greenville, SC
S. 1 at Wyoming
S. 8 Elon
S. 15 at Jacksonville State
S. 22 VMI
S. 29 at Western Carolina
O. 6 Appalachian State
O. 13 at The Citadel
O. 20 East Tennessee State
N. 3 at Georgia Southern
N. 10 Wofford
N. 17 at Chattanooga

GEORGIA SOUTHERN (13–2)
Statesboro, GA
S. 1 Savannah State
S. 8 Delaware
S. 15 at Wofford
S. 22 Chattanooga
S. 29 at VMI
O. 6 Western Carolina
O. 13 at Appalachian State
O. 20 The Citadel
O. 27 at East Tennessee State
N. 3 Furman
N. 10 at Elon

WESTERN CAROLINA (4–7)
Cullowhee, NC
A. 30 Mars Hill
S. 8 at Louisville
S. 15 The Citadel
S. 22 at East Tennessee State
S. 29 Furman
O. 6 at Georgia Southern
O. 13 Wofford
O. 20 at Chattanooga
O. 27 VMI
N. 3 Liberty
N. 10 at Appalachian State

VMI (2–9)
Lexington, VA
A. 30 at Duquesne
S. 8 William & Mary
S. 15 East Tennessee State
S. 22 at Furman
S. 29 Georgia Southern
O. 6 at Wofford
O. 13 Chattanooga
O. 27 at Western Carolina
N. 3 Appalachian Sate
N. 10 at The Citadel
N. 17 Samford

WOFFORD (7–4)
Spartanburg, SC
S. 8 at Clemson
S. 15 Georgia Southern
S. 22 Charleston Southern
S. 29 at Chattanooga
O. 6 VMI
O. 13 at Western Carolina
O. 20 Appalachian State
O. 27 at The Citadel
N. 3 East Tennessee State
N. 10 at Furman
N. 17 Youngstown State

Southland

JACKSONVILLE ST. (4–6)
Jacksonville, AL
A. 30 Cumberland
S. 8 Nicholls State
S. 15 McNeese State
S. 22 at Arkansas Sate
O. 6 at Stamford
O. 13 at Stephen F. Austin
O. 20 SW Texas State
O. 27 at Northwestern State
N. 3 Tennessee Tech
N. 10 at Sam Houston
N. 17 at Troy State

MCNEESE STATE (8–4)
Lake Charles, LA
S. 1 at Texas A&M
S. 8 Prairie View A&M
S. 15 at Jacksonville State
S. 22 Alcorn State
S. 29 West Virginia Tech
O. 6 Stephen F. Austin
O. 13 at Southwest Texas
O. 20 at Western Kentucky
O. 27 Sam Houston
N. 10 Northwestern State
N. 17 at Nicholls State

NICHOLLS STATE (1–10)
Thibodaux, LA
S. 1 Louisiana-Lafayette
S. 8 Jacksonville State
S. 15 Arkansas State
S. 22 Troy State
S. 29 Samford
O. 13 Sam Houston
O. 20 Northwestern State
O. 27 Southwest Texas
N. 3 Stephen F. Austin
N. 10 Grambling
N. 17 McNeese State

NORTHWESTERN STATE (6–5)
Natchitoches, LA
S. 1 at Southern
S. 8 Henderson State
S. 15 Gardner-Webb
S. 22 at TCU
O. 6 at Sam Houston
O. 20 Nicholls
O. 27 Jacksonville State
N. 3 at SW Texas State
N. 10 at McNeese
N. 17 Stephen F. Austin

SAM HOUSTON (7–4)
Huntsville, TX
S. 1 at Louisiana-Monroe
S. 8 Tarleton State
S. 22 at Northern Illinois
O. 6 Northwestern State
O. 13 at Nicholls State
O. 20 Stephen F. Austin
O. 27 at McNeese State
N. 3 Western Illinois
N. 10 Jacksonville State
N. 17 at SW Texas State

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN (6–5)
Nacogdoches, TX
S. 1 Portland State
S. 8 at Northern Arizona
S. 15 Northern Iowa
S. 22 Cal State-Northridge
S. 29 at Indiana State
O. 6 at McNeese State
O. 13 Jacksonville State
O. 20 at Sam Houston
N. 3 Nicholls State
N. 10 Southwest Texas
N. 17 at Northwestern State

SW TEXAS STATE (7–4)
San Marcos, TX
A. 30 Arkansas-Monticello
S. 8 at Missouri
S. 15 at Cal State-Northridge
S. 22 Angelo State
O. 6 Portland State
O. 13 McNeese State
O. 20 at Jacksonville State
O. 27 at Nicholls State
N. 3 Northwestern State
N. 10 at Stephen F. Austin
N. 17 Sam Houston

SWAC

ALABAMA A&M (7–5)
Huntsville, AL
S. 1 at Tennessee State
S. 8 at Grambling
S. 15 at Miss. Valley State
S. 22 Texas Southern
S. 29 Jackson State
O. 6 at Southern
O. 13 Morris Brown
O. 20 Miles College
O. 27 Alabama State@
N. 10 at Alcorn State
N. 17 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
@Birmingham, AL

ALABAMA STATE (6–5)
Montgomery, AL
S. 8 Alcorn State
S. 15 at Texas Southern
S. 22 Southern@
S. 29 Johnson C. Smith
O. 6 at Jackson State
O. 20 at Arkansas Pine-Bluff
O. 27 Alabama A&M#
N. 3 Grambling
N. 10 Clark-Atlanta
N. 17 at Miss. Valley State
N. 22 Tuskegee
@Mobile, AL
#Birmingham, AL

ALCORN STATE (0–11)
Lorman, MS
S. 1 Grambling
S. 8 at Alabama State
S. 15 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
S. 22 at McNeese State
S. 29 at Fort Valley State
O. 13 Samford
O. 20 Prairie View A&M
O. 27 Cal Poly
N. 3 Miss. Valley State
N. 10 Alabama A&M
N. 18 at Jackson State

ARKANSAS PINE-BLUFF (6–5)
Pine Bluff, AR
S. 1 Miss. Valley State
S. 8 at Southern
S. 15 Alcorn State
S. 29 Kentucky State@
O. 6 Texas Southern
O. 13 Grambling#
O. 20 Alabama State
O. 27 at Jackson State
N. 3 at Prairie View A&M
N. 10 Lane College
N. 17 at Alabama A&M
@St. Louis, MO
#Shreveport, LA

GRAMBLING (10–2)
Grambling, LA
S. 1 at Alcorn State
S. 8 Alabama A&M
S. 15 at Florida A&M
S. 22 at Portland State
S. 29 at Prairie View A&M
O. 13 Arkansas-Pine Bluff@
O. 20 at Jackson State
O. 27 Texas Southern
N. 3 at Alabama State
N. 10 at Nicholls State
N. 24 at Southern

JACKSON STATE (7–4)
Jackson, MS
S. 1 Howard@
S. 15 Tennessee State#
S. 22 at Miss. Valley State
S. 29 at Alabama A&M
O. 6 Alabama State
O. 13 Southern
O. 20 Grambling
O. 27 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
N. 3 NC A&T*
N. 10 at Prairie View A&M
N. 17 Alcorn State
@Chicago, IL
#Memphis, TN
*Atlanta, GA

MISS. VALLEY STATE (2–9)
Itta Bena, MS
S. 1 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
S. 8 at Delta State
S. 15 Alabama A&M
S. 22 Jackson State
O. 6 at Prairie View A&M
O. 13 at Tennessee State
O. 20 Texas Southern
O. 27 Southern@
N. 3 at Alcorn State
N. 10 at Nicholls State
N. 17 Alabama State
@Shreveport, LA

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M (1–10)
Prairie View, TX
S. 1 Texas Southern
S. 8 at McNeese State
S. 15 at Southern
S. 22 Texas A&M-Kingsville
S. 29 Grambling@
O. 6 Miss. Valley State
O. 13 Paul Quinn
O. 20 at Alcorn State
N. 3 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
N. 10 Jackson State
@Dallas, TX

SOUTHERN (6–5)
Baton Rouge, LA
S. 1 Northwestern State
S. 8 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
S. 15 Prairie View A&M
S. 22 vs. Alabama State@
S. 29 vs. Tulane#
O. 6 Alabama A&M
O. 13 at Jackson State
O. 27 vs. Miss. Valley State*
N. 3 at Florida A&M
N. 10 at Texas Southern
N. 24 vs. Grambling State#
@Mobile, AL
#New Orleans, LA
*Shreveport, LA

TEXAS SOUTHERN (8–3)
Houston, TX
S. 2 Prairie View A&M
S. 8 at UTEP
S. 15 Alabama State
S. 22 at Alabama A&M
S. 29 at Langston
O. 6 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
O. 20 at Miss. Valley State
O. 27 at Grambling
N. 3 Morris Brown
N. 10 Southern
N. 17 Southwestern

I-AA Independents

CAL POLY (3–8)
San Luis Obispo, CA
S. 1 Montana
S. 8 Sacramento State
S. 15 at St. Mary's
S. 22 at Montana State
S. 29 Western Washington
O. 13 Southern Utah
O. 20 at UC Davis
O. 27 at Alcorn State
N. 3 at Weber State
N. 10 Cal State-Northridge
N. 17 at Northern Iowa

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN (5-6)
Charleston, SC
S. 1 North Greenville
S. 8 Presbyterian College
S. 15 West Virginia State
S. 22 at Wofford
O. 6 at Jacksonville
O. 20 Samford
O. 27 at Elon
N. 10 Liberty
N. 17 East Tennessee State

ELON (7–4)
Elon, NC
S. 1 at James Madison
S. 8 at Furman
S. 15 Eastern Kentucky
S. 22 NC A&T
S. 29 Garner-Webb
O. 6 at Western Kentucky
O. 20 Hofstra
O. 27 Charleston Southern
N. 3 at Samford
N. 10 Georgia Southern

GEORGETOWN (5–6)
Washington, DC
S. 1 Lehigh
S. 8 at Holy Cross
S. 15 Wagner
S. 29 at Fordham
O. 6 Duquesne
O. 13 Davidson
O. 20 at Bucknell
O. 27 at Marist
N. 3 at San Diego
N. 10 Lafayette
N. 17 Towson

LIBERTY (3–8)
Lynchburg, VA
S. 1 at Appalachian State
S. 8 at Eastern Kentucky
S. 15 Furman
S. 22 Delaware State
S. 29 Wingate
O. 13 at Central Florida
O. 20 at Gardner-Webb
O. 27 at South Florida
N. 3 at Western Carolina
N. 10 at Charleston Southern
N. 17 Hofstra

ST MARY'S (6–5)
Moraga, CA
S. 1 at Sacramento State
S. 8 Humboldt State
S. 15 Cal Poly
S. 22 Central Washington
S. 29 at Bucknell
O. 6 UC Davis
O. 13 at Montana
O. 20 at Florida Atlantic
O. 27 at Northeastern
N. 3 Southern Utah
N. 10 Dayton

SAMFORD (4–7)
Birmingham, AL
A. 30 Chattanooga
S. 15 Cal Poly
S. 22 at Gardner-Webb
S. 29 at Nicholls State
O. 6 Jacksonville State
O. 13 at Alcorn State
O. 20 at Charleston Southern
O. 27 Tennessee-Martin
N. 3 Elon
N. 10 at Eastern Kentucky
N. 17 at VMI

SOUTHERN UTAH (7–4)
Cedar City, UT
S. 1 Weber State
S. 8 Mesa State
S. 15 at South Florida
S. 22 Northern Arizona
S. 29 Western Oregon
O. 6 at Western Illinois
O. 13 at Cal Poly
O. 27 at Troy State
N. 3 at St. Mary's
N. 10 Butler
N. 17 at Idaho State

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DIVISION I-AA PREVIEW

Eagles Shoot for Three

by Rick Bailey

"Threepeat" takes on a special meaning for the Georgia Southern Eagles this fall.

Georgia Southern is the only team in NCAA Division I-AA history to win back-to-back championships three times (1985-86, 1989-90 and 1999-00).

The Eagles (13–2) will go for an unprecedented three in a row behind the explosive and powerful running of All-American and 1999 Walter Payton Award winner Adrian Peterson. The senior fullback has 5,100 career rushing yards. Add his 2,276 post-season yards, and Peterson could become college football's all-time leading rusher regardless of division. With 414 points, he is five away from breaking the I-AA career regular-season scoring record.

Peterson, as always, will have help in keeping the Eagles soaring. They return 17 starters, including senior quarterback J.R. Revere, who ran and threw for 1,977 total yards in the regular season.

Defensive end Freddy Pesqueira is back for his junior year after making 75 tackles and six sacks last fall. Jason Neese is the strength of a linebacking corps that returns four starters.

"We don't talk about the playoffs till we get to November," coach Paul Johnson says. "The best way I know of not getting in there is to talk about it in August." Johnson is 50–8 and only the third coach in Division I to win 50 games in his first four years.

With the return of 2000 Payton winner Louis Ivory, **Furman** (9–3) will challenge Georgia Southern in the league and nationally. Ivory set conference records with 2,079 regular-season rushing yards and 301 in a game (against Georgia Southern).

The Paladins have the Southern Conference's offensive and defensive Players of the Year returning in Ivory and senior linebacker Will Bouton, who had 120 tackles, but must replace quarterback Justin Hill. Billy Napier got some experience while Hill was injured. All-American Marty Priore returns at guard.

Appalachian State (10–4) returns 13 starters from last year's playoff semifinalists. Joe Burchette is the league's top returning quarterback (1,730 yards). Karim Razzak and Jerry Beard lead a deep tailback position. All-America center Tyler Elkins anchors the offensive line. The Mountaineers led the league in total defense (301.7 yards a game) and return All-Southern stars Josh Jeffries at end and Justin Seaverns at linebacker.

Atlantic 10

The Atlantic 10 race will be even better than usual as Hofstra enters the league to compete with the likes of Villanova, Delaware and Richmond, among others.

Talented tailback Brian Westbrook is back for his senior year at **Villanova** (5–6) after leading I-AA in all-purpose yards (2,992). **Delaware** (12–2) lost quarterback Matt Nagy, but returns wide receiver Jamin Elliott (929 receiving yards) and linebacker Dan Mulhern (109 tackles).

Richmond (10–3) lost several starters, but senior defensive lineman Josh Spraker is back. **Hofstra** (9–4) has been a successful I-AA independent and enters the league behind senior quarterback Rocky Butler (2,780 yards of total offense) and sophomore running back Trevor Dimmie (1,319 yards).

Massachusetts (7–4) returns quarterback Richard Lucero and Jeremy Robinson, a first-team All-Atlantic 10 defensive back. **William & Mary** (5–6) returns quarterback David Corley, the Atlantic 10's Rookie of the Year in 1999, and wide receiver Rich Musinski, the top rookie last year.

Big Sky

Montana (13–2) trailed 20–3 at halftime of the title game and almost caught Georgia Southern behind backup quarterback John Edwards, who replaced injured All-American Drew Miller. Edwards will return along with All-Big Sky running back Yohance Humphrey for second-year Grizzlies coach Joe Glenn. Montana lost three first-team all-conference defenders, but all-conference cornerback Calvin Coleman returns along with safety Vince Huntsberger, who was the Big Sky 1999 Defensive Player of the Year.

The Big Sky was a senior-dominated league last fall, so significant changes are expected in the standings. **Eastern Washington** (6–5) and **Idaho State** (6–5) each return several key players.

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Adrian Peterson, Georgia Southern

TOP 25

1. Georgia Southern
2. Montana
3. Western Kentucky
4. McNeese State
5. Lehigh
6. Eastern Illinois
7. Villanova
8. Bethune-Cookman
9. Delaware
10. Grambling
11. Hofstra
12. Furman
13. Illinois State
14. Murray State
15. Florida A&M
16. Southwest Texas State
17. Eastern Washington
18. Appalachian State
19. Southern University
20. Youngstown State
21. William & Mary
22. North Carolina A&T
23. Western Illinois
24. Tennessee Tech
25. Massachusetts

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Gateway

Changes are coming to the Gateway with three new coaches — Jon Heacock at **Youngstown State** (9–3), Mark Farley at **Northern Iowa** (7–4) and Jerry Kill at **Southern Illinois** (3–8) — plus a new team, **Western Kentucky** (11–2) and its coach, Jack Harbaugh.

Several top players return for Harbaugh's Hilltoppers, including junior defensive back Bobby Sippio, a first-team *AP* All-American. The Toppers have eight of their top nine tacklers back, and returning players were responsible for 25 of a school-record 29 interceptions. Returning to run the Toppers' option offense is senior quarterback Jason Johnson and a fleet of talented runners.

Youngstown State returns quarterback Jeff Ryan, who was 19th in I-AA passing efficiency. **Illinois State's** Willie Watts is among the top returning backs. The Redbirds went 7–4 in Denver Johnson's first year as coach. Gateway champion **Western Illinois** (9–3) returns senior defensive back Will Peterson.

Mid-Eastern

Bethune-Cookman (9–2) has several impact players returning, including sophomore quarterback Allen Suber, who won the MEAC's Rookie of the Week award for the three weeks he starred while Pa'Tell Troutman was hurt.

Florida A&M (9–3) will try to defend its title with senior quarterback Quinn Gray, who led the MEAC in passing, and sophomore running back O.J. Marchbanks.

North Carolina A&T (8–3) defeated Bethune and FAMU last fall. Senior Maurice Hicks averaged 135.4 rushing yards a game.

Howard (3–8) returns MEAC Defensive Player of the Year Tracy White, a junior linebacker who recorded 102.5 tackles.

Dan Mulhern, Delaware

Bill Wood

Ohio Valley

Eastern Illinois (8–4) returns a host of top players, including junior quarterback Tony Romo, who was second in I-AA passing efficiency and threw for 2,583 yards and 27 touchdowns. **Murray State** (6–5) quarterback Stewart Childress passed for 2,928 yards and 20 touchdowns. Defensive-minded **Tennessee Tech** (8–3) keeps getting closer to the playoffs. **Eastern Kentucky** coach Roy Kidd is one victory away from 300. The Colonels (6–5) will have a new backfield, though the defense should be solid.

Patriot

Returning for **Lehigh** (12–1) are first-team All-Patriot League quarterback Brant Hall and senior running backs Phil Pleasant and Jamaal Burcher. Pete Lembo replaced coach Kevin Higgins, who is now an assistant with the Detroit Lions.

Towson (7–4) boasts a prolific offense led by tailback Noah Read, who ran 397 times in 2000 for 1,422 yards. **Holy Cross** (7–4) hopes to ride a strong passing game to its first Patriot League title since 1991.

Southland

Troy State has moved on to I-A, leaving the Southland wide open for several contenders, including last year's runners-up **McNeese State** (8–4) and **Southwest Texas** (7–4), along with **Sam Houston State** (7–4) and **Northwestern State** (6–5).

Quarterback Slade Nagle will lead McNeese State after passing for 180.3 yards a game. Running back Jessie Burton, who led the Southland in rushing as a freshman in 1998, is coming off a knee injury.

Southwest Texas returns 10 starters on defense. Northwestern State got off to a 6–1 start, then lost its last four.

SWAC

Grambling (10–2) and **Alabama A&M** (7–5) won in the second year of SWAC divisional play, with Grambling winning the playoff. Among the SWAC's top players expected back this fall are Southern quarterback Terrance Ley, first in I-AA passing efficiency; Alabama State quarterback Darnell Kennedy; quarterback Robert Kent of Jackson State; Arkansas-Pine Bluff running back Dwight McKissic (113.5-yard average); wide receiver Michael Hayes of Southern (120.7 yards a game, third in I-AA); Alabama A&M defensive back Brandon Reed (nine interceptions); and Texas Southern defensive back Santino Hall (eight interceptions).

Ivy

Defending champion **Penn** (7–3) has the Ivy Player of the Year in senior quarterback Gavin Hoffman, who averaged 321 yards a game of total offense. **Brown** (7–3) must replace record-setting QB Eric Webber, but returns Michael Malan, who rushed for a school-record 1,213 yards in 2000.

Cornell (5–5) welcomes back senior quarterback Ricky Rahne, who threw for 2,944 yards per game a year ago.

Metro Atlantic

Defending champion **Duquesne** (10–1) has won four of the last six Metro Atlantic titles. The Dukes are led by senior running back Donte Small, who averaged 117.6 yards a game. Senior linebacker and leading tackler Jim Antinopoulas also returns.

Fairfield (8–2) has the top returning quarterback in the MAAC in junior Mike Cerchio, who averaged 229 yards in total offense. Senior defensive back Don Milligan was all-league.

Northeast

Robert Morris (10–0) has won or shared five straight titles and had its first undefeated season in 2000. The Colonials return Offensive Player of the Year Tim Levcik, a senior quarterback who averaged 193 passing yards a game. **Sacred Heart** (10–1) returns the top defender in junior linebacker Kayode Mayowa. The Pioneers went from 2–9 to 10–1 for I-AA's biggest turnaround.

Pioneer

Dayton (8–3), **Drake** (7–4) and **Valparaiso** (7–4) shared the league title last season with 3–1 records. That will change this fall because the Pioneer adds four teams, goes to divisions and has a championship game at the end of the season. **Davidson** (10–0), **Morehead State** (6–3), **Jacksonville** (3–8) and **Austin Peay** (2–9) move in from independent status.

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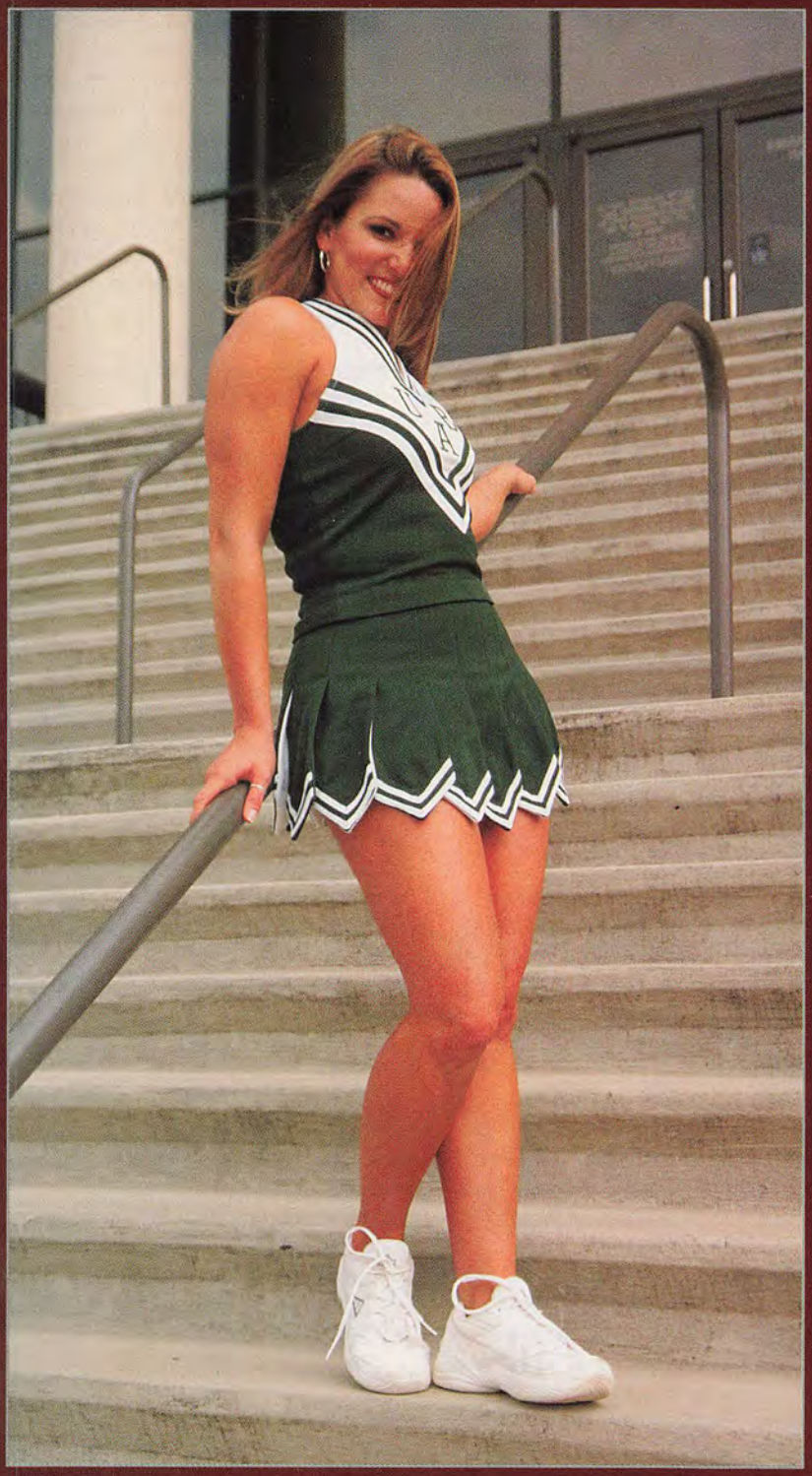

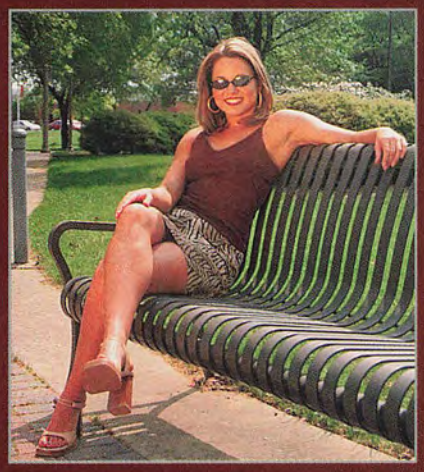

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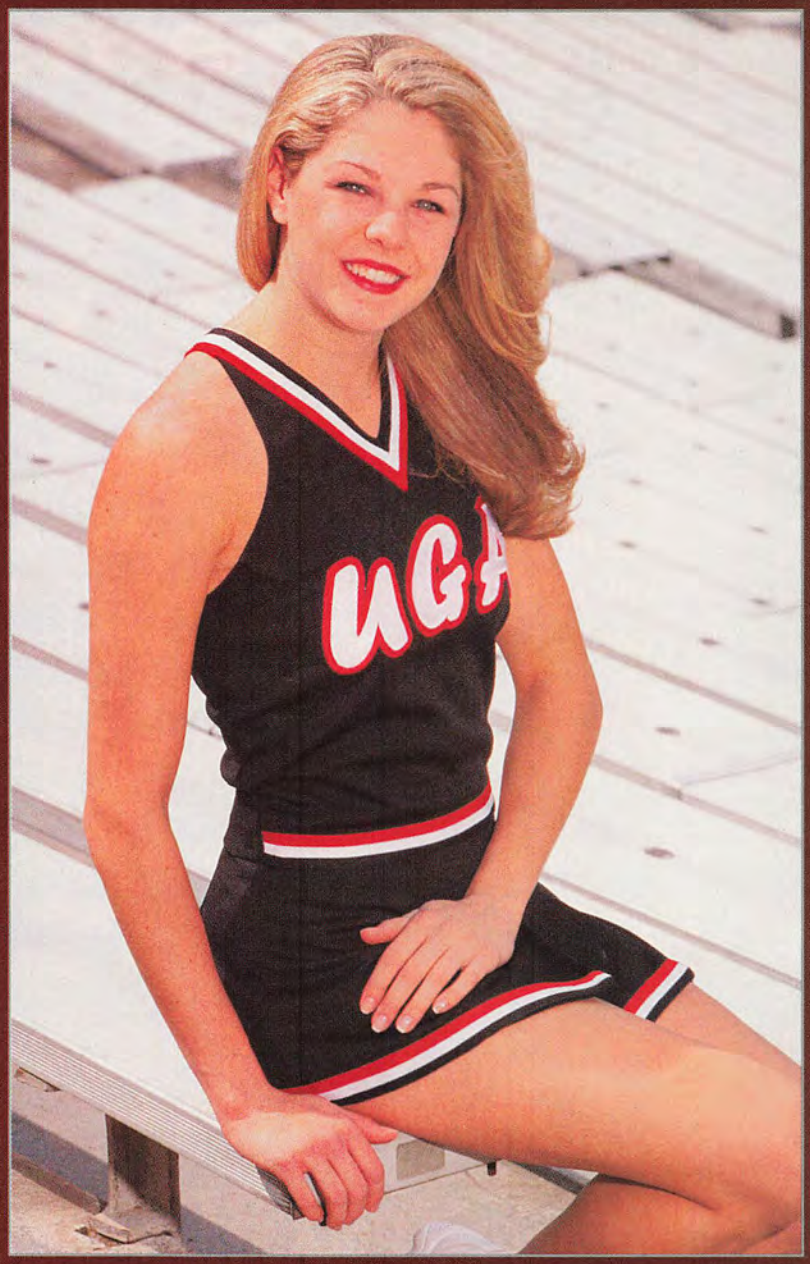
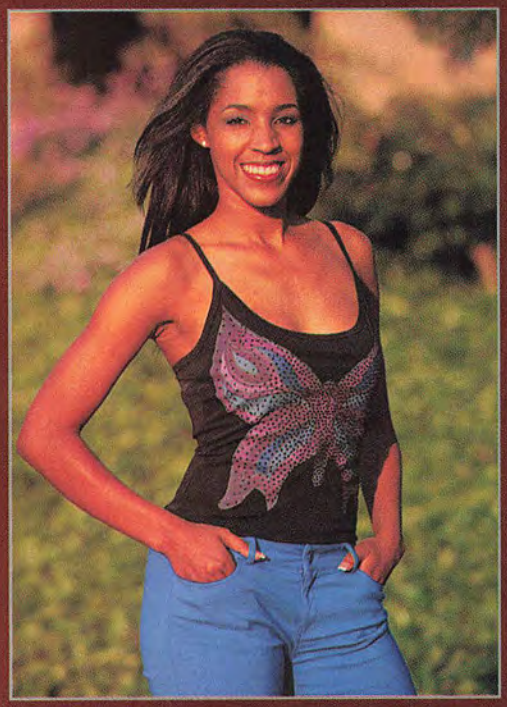


Shelly Nicole Korpieski, Georgia

Shelly, a Golden Key National Honor Society member, is an advertising senior from Marietta, Georgia. She is the captain of the cheerleading squad as well as a Community Service Award recipient in 1999 and 2000. After graduation, she plans on working in the creative side of the advertising industry.

Nicole Taylor Rush, UCLA

The sophomore from Lakewood, California, is majoring in World Arts and plans on entering the field of entertainment broadcasting. In addition to cheerleading, she enjoys acting and dancing and recently won the Miss Black and Gold Beauty Pageant title.



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Jennifer Barr, Ohio State

This senior english major plans on working in public relations after graduation. Jennifer hails from Dublin, Ohio, where she coaches cheerleading in her free time.

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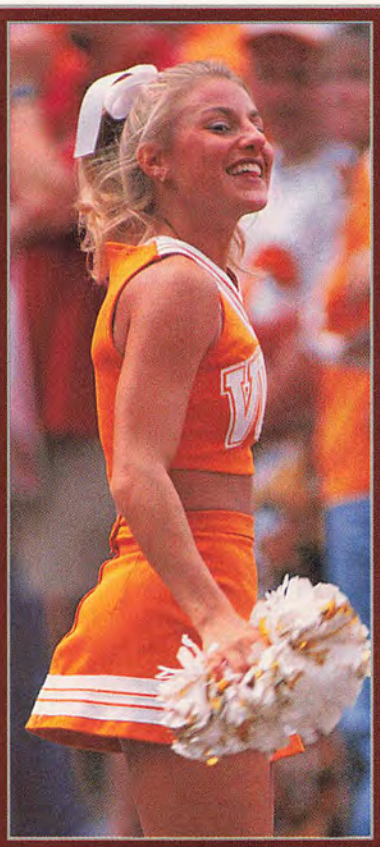

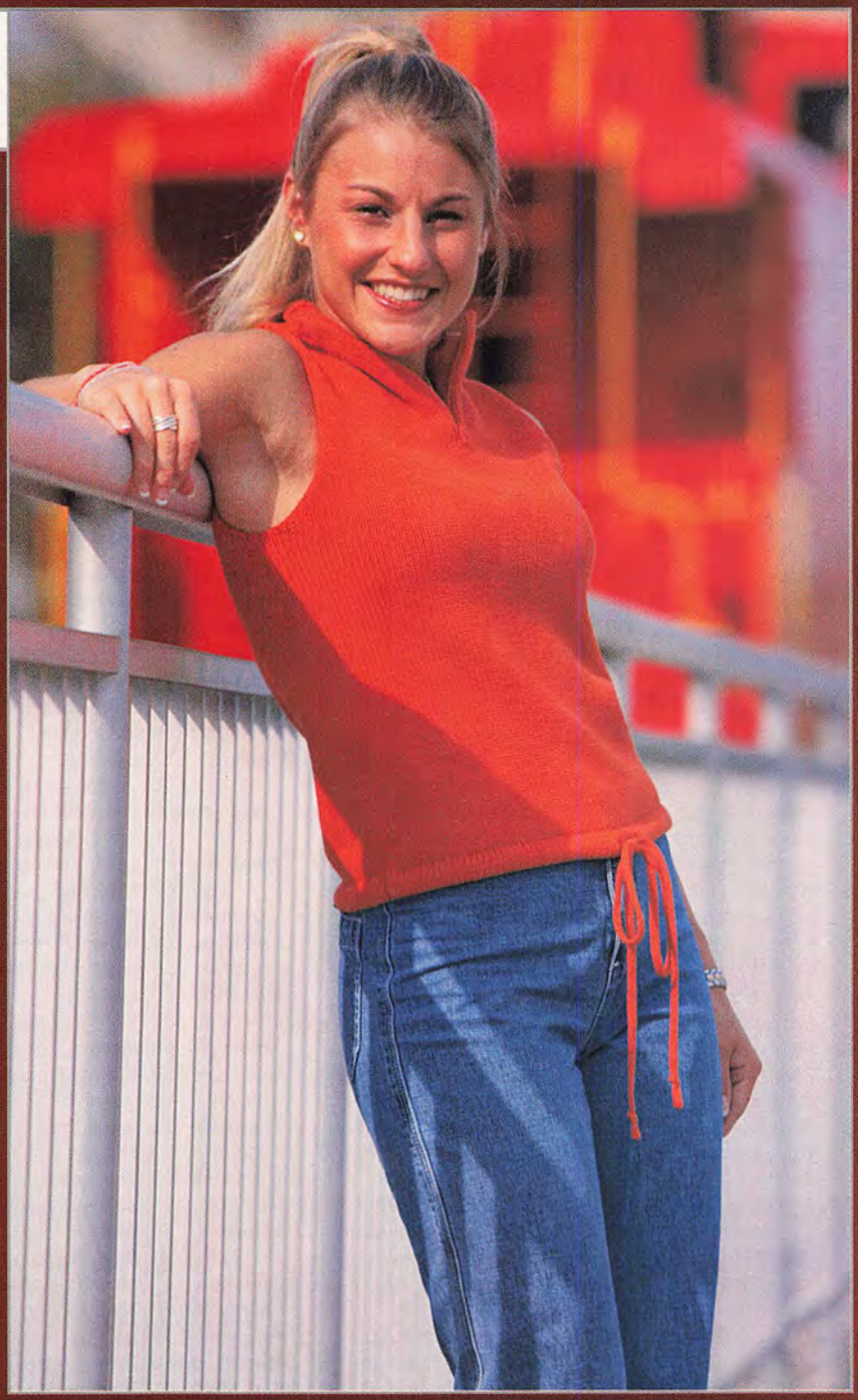

Angie Briggs, Tennessee

Angie is a nursing major who plans on becoming a neo-natal nurse practitioner. The sophomore from Memphis, Tennessee, has a 3.95 GPA and is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and the Golden Key Honor Society. In her free time she enjoys running and snow skiing.

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Recruiting Report

Top 50 Freshmen Classes of 2001

1. Florida State
2. LSU
3. Michigan
4. Washington
5. Oklahoma
6. Miami
7. Tennessee
8. Texas
9. Nebraska
10. UCLA
11. Kansas State
12. Notre Dame
13. Clemson
14. Georgia
15. Georgia Tech
16. Ohio State
17. Penn State
18. Wisconsin
19. Virginia Tech
20. NC State
21. USC
22. Oregon
23. Texas A&M
24. Ole Miss
25. Oregon State
26. Auburn
27. Arkansas
28. Boston College
29. Pittsburgh
30. Stanford
31. Iowa
32. Florida
33. Kansas
34. Virginia
35. South Carolina
36. Illinois
37. North Carolina
38. Purdue
39. Texas Tech
40. California
41. Mississippi State
42. Arizona
43. Arizona State
44. Colorado
45. Alabama
46. Missouri
47. Northwestern
48. Washington State
49. Michigan State
50. Maryland

National Top 100 Freshmen of 2001

Player	POS	HT	WT	Hometown	Signed By
1. Eric Shelton	RB	6'3"	230	Lexington, KY	Florida State
2. Joe Mauer	QB	6'4"	205	St. Paul, MN	Florida State
3. Brodie Croyle	QB	6'2"	185	Rainbow City, AL	Alabama
4. Jabari Davis	RB	6'0"	230	Stone Mountain, GA	Tennessee
5. Kevin Jones	RB	6'1"	205	Chester, PA	Virginia Tech
6. Shaun Cody	DL	6'5"	255	Hacienda Heights, CA	USC
7. Reggie Williams	WR	6'4"	215	Tacoma, WA	Washington
8. Marquis Hill	DL	6'7"	290	New Orleans, LA	LSU
9. Roscoe Crosby	WR	6'2"	190	Buffalo, SC	Clemson
10. Carnell Williams	RB	5'11"	185	Eotawah, AL	Auburn
11. Tommie Harris	DL	6'3"	275	Killeen, TX	Oklahoma
12. Ben Wilkerson	OL	6'4"	275	Hemphill, TX	LSU
13. Michael Craven	LB	6'1"	220	LaQuinta, CA	Stanford
14. Kelly Baraka	RB	6'0"	180	Portage, MI	Michigan
15. Leon Williams	LB	6'4"	220	Brooklyn, NY	Miami
16. Anttaj Hawthorne	DL	6'3"	310	Hamden, CT	Wisconsin
17. Marcus Spears	TE	6'5"	280	Baton Rouge, LA	LSU
18. Ahmad Carroll	DB	5'11"	190	Atlanta, GA	Arkansas
19. Cedric Houston	RB	6'0"	205	Clarendon, AR	Tennessee
20. Chris Spencer	OL	6'4"	305	Madison, MS	Ole Miss
21. Cecil Howard	QB	6'3"	215	McKeesport, PA	Syracuse
22. D.J. Shockley	QB	6'1"	175	College Park, GA	Georgia
23. George Gause	DL	6'5"	235	Conway, SC	South Carolina
24. Jerome Carter	DB	6'0"	208	Lake City, FL	Florida State
25. J.R. Lemon	RB	6'1"	213	Fayetteville, GA	Stanford
26. Michael Clayton	WR	6'4"	185	Baton Rouge, LA	LSU
27. Kevin Simon	LB	5'11"	225	Concord, CA	Tennessee
28. Marlin Jackson	DB	6'1"	180	Sharon, PA	Michigan
29. Adrian McPherson	QB	6'3"	178	Bradenton, FL	Florida State
30. Mark LeVoir	TE	6'7"	310	Eden Prarie, MN	Notre Dame
31. Craphonso Thorpe	WR	6'2"	185	Tallahassee, FL	Florida State
32. Dominic Robinson	DB	6'2"	192	Diamond Bar, CA	Florida State
33. Patrick Estes	TE	6'7"	240	Richmond, VA	Virginia
34. Damien Nash	RB	5'11"	195	East St. Louis, IL	Missouri
35. Pat Massey	DL	6'8"	235	Brecksville, OH	Michigan
36. Ernest Shazor	DB	6'4"	210	Detroit, MI	Michigan
37. Matt Roth	LB	6'4"	245	Villa Park, IL	Iowa
38. Lorenzo Alexander	OL	6'3"	280	Oakland, CA	California
39. Matt Ware	DB	6'3"	195	Malibu, CA	UCLA
40. Derek Anderson	QB	6'6"	230	Scappoose, OR	Oregon State
41. Robert Boulware	DB	5'10"	180	Charlotte, NC	Tennessee
42. De'Arrius Howard	RB	6'0"	205	West Memphis, AR	Arkansas
43. Quan Cosby	WR	5'10"	190	Mart, TX	Texas
44. Blake Larsen	OL	6'7"	304	Atlantic, IA	Iowa
45. Lemarcus Rowell	LB	6'3"	230	Opelika, AL	Auburn
46. Tyler Reed	DL	6'6"	305	Pittsburgh., PA	Penn State
47. Lydell Ross	RB	6'0"	205	Tampa, FL	Ohio State
48. Fred Gibson	WR	6'4"	180	Waycross, GA	Georgia
49. Cedric Benson	RB	6'0"	200	Midland, TX	Texas
50. Airese Currie	WR	5'11"	175	Columbia, SC	Clemson
51. Gerard Ross	DB	6'2"	190	Jacksonville, FL	Florida State
52. Corey Mays	LB	6'1"	234	Chicago, IL	Notre Dame
53. Larry Fitzgerald	WR	6'3"	205	Richfield, MN	Prep School
54. C.J. Fayton	QB	6'2"	190	Virginia Beach, VA	Tennessee
55. Seymore Shaw	RB	6'0"	210	Shawnee, OK	Oklahoma
56. Matt Leinart	QB	6'6"	200	Santa Anna, CA	USC
57. Brett Bell	DB	6'0"	190	Wheaton, IL	Wisconsin
58. Joseph Addai	RB	6'0"	195	Houston, TX	LSU
59. Pierre Woods	DL	6'6"	225	Cleveland, OH	Michigan
60. Jeff Littlejohn	DL	6'3"	300	Gaffney, SC	Junior College
61. Derron Johnson	DB	6'3"	200	Memphis, TN	Memphis
62. Mark Anderson	DL	6'7"	260	Lewistown, MT	Stanford
63. Russell Lovett	ATH	6'3"	230	Thornton, CO	Colorado
64. Kellen Clemens	QB	6'2"	193	Burns, OR	Oregon
65. Stephen Jackson	RB	6'1"	210	Las Vegas, NV	Oregon State
66. Mike Bell	RB	6'1"	205	Phoenix, AZ	Arizona
67. Montrell Jones	WR	6'2"	185	Louisville, KY	Tennessee
68. Maurice Hall	RB	5'10"	180	Columbus, OH	Ohio State
69. Charles Frederick	WR	6'0"	190	Boca Raton, FL	Washington
70. Casey Paus	QB	6'4"	210	New Lenox, IL	Washington
71. Antrel Rolle	DB	6'1"	205	Homestead, FL	Miami
72. Marquis Elmore	LB	6'3"	220	Folkston, GA	Georgia
73. Chauncey Davis	LB	6'1"	235	Auburndale, FL	Florida State
74. Carlos Campbell	WR	6'1"	190	Hampton, VA	Notre Dame
75. Willie Jones	LB	6'1"	200	Miami, FL	Florida State
76. Orien Harris	DL	6'4"	280	Newark, DE	Miami
77. Marvin Simmons	LB	6'1"	225	Compton, CA	USC
78. Titus Adams	DL	6'4"	285	Omaha, NE	Nebraska
79. David Underwood	RB	6'0"	220	Madisonville, TX	Michigan
80. Morris Virgil	RB	5'10"	185	Urbana, IL	Illinois
81. Tramain Hall	DB	5'11"	170	Deerfield Beach, FL	NC State
82. Anthony Mix	WR	6'5"	202	Bay Minette, AL	Auburn
83. James Buchanan	RB	6'2"	235	Sarasota, FL	Florida State
84. Brett Basanez	QB	6'1"	175	Arlington Heights, IL	Northwestern
85. Mike Robinson	QB	6'3"	210	Richmond, VA	Penn State
86. Charles Rush	DL	6'3"	280	Erie, PA	Penn State
87. Taye Biddle	WR	6'1"	180	Decatur, AL	Ole Miss
88. Robert Strickland	WR	6'4"	205	Detroit, MI	Michigan State
89. Zachary Giles	OL	6'4"	285	Marshfield, MA	Notre Dame
90. Thomas Derricks	DL	6'1"	295	Garland, TX	Northwestern
91. Jerome Janet	WR	5'11"	190	Broken Arrow, OK	Kansas State
92. Jonathan Scott	DL	6'7"	285	Dallas, TX	Texas
93. Justin Holland	QB	6'3"	190	Lakewood, CO	Colorado State
94. Angelo Chattams	WR	5'11"	180	Dayton, OH	Ohio State
95. Junior Taylor	WR	6'2"	185	Gilbert, AZ	UCLA
96. Ingle Martin	QB	6'3"	210	Nashville, TN	Florida
97. Brandon Brokaw	RB	6'2"	230	Morrisville, PA	Boston College
98. Kyle Orton	QB	6'3"	205	Runnells, IA	Purdue
99. Keith Carter	TE	6'4"	250	Downingtown, PA	UCLA
100. David Koral	QB	6'2"	215	Malibu, CA	Vanderbilt

Recruiting Report

ACC

1. FLORIDA STATE
Another dominant class for the Seminoles. Nobody does it better.

2. CLEMSON
Tommy Bowden is now loaded at wide receiver.

3. GEORGIA TECH
Quarterback was a big need for the future and the future looks bright as the Wreck hits the jackpot.

4. NC STATE
Best class in many years for the Wolfpack. Amato and company find gold in the Sunshine State.

5. VIRGINIA
Melvin Massey should push for early playing time at linebacker. Solid class in year number one for Al Groh.

6. NORTH CAROLINA
Solid overall haul for the Tar Heels. The harsh reality is that the coming years must produce better recruiting results if they expect to climb back near the top of the ACC.

7. MARYLAND
Ralph Friedgen lands defensive gems in his first campaign.

8. DUKE
Defensive back Alex Green was the star of this class.

9. WAKE FOREST
Dominic Robinson can help at tailback.

BIG 10

1. MICHIGAN
Simply, top to bottom, a great all around class for the Wolverines.

2. OHIO STATE
Solid class including 10 from the state of Ohio. Terrific tailbacks coming to Columbus.

3. PENN STATE
Defensive lineman Charles Rush will put a smile on Joe Pa's face.

4. WISCONSIN
Another good haul for Alvarez and company. Watch out for defensive back Brett Bell.

5. IOWA
Hawkeyes sign six recruits from the fertile state of Florida.

6. ILLINOIS
Good class to complement last year's solid group. Coach Ron Turner signs 15 defensive players.

7. PURDUE
Well balanced class on both sides of the ball. Linebacker Brent Grover is underrated.

8. NORTHWESTERN
Randy Walker's program signs players from 14 different states.

9. MICHIGAN STATE
Hulking lineman Matthias Askew comes to play.

10. INDIANA
Florida product, Ted Pace, is a top caliber safety/linebacker.

11. MINNESOTA
Gophers try to keep pace with a decent class.

BIG 12

1. OKLAHOMA
Bob Stoops signs a consensus top notch class with 29 newcomers and 15 from Texas.

2. TEXAS
The big guys up front get the job done as the Longhorns sign six highly touted offensive linemen.

3. NEBRASKA
Typical big, strong class for the Huskers.

4. KANSAS STATE
New Jersey product Ayo Saba is a load at running back.

5. TEXAS A&M
Receiver Bryant Singleton is a playmaker the Aggies will enjoy watching. Tailback Derek Farmer was a huge pickup.

6. KANSAS
One of the better classes in recent memory for the Jayhawks, including nine juco recruits.

7. TEXAS TECH
Juco receiver Anton Paige has a chance to star immediately.

8. COLORADO
Buffs are definitely set a quarterback.

9. MISSOURI
Tailback Damien Nash is a phenomenal talent.

10. IOWA STATE
Juco recruits, Seneca Wallace and Dustin Ochs, are expected to compete for the vacated quarterback position.

11. OKLAHOMA STATE
New coach Les Miles has some catching up to do.

12. BAYLOR
Coach Kevin Steele has a reputation as a very good recruiter. He needs time to get it done in Waco.

Recruiting Report

BIG EAST

1. MIAMI
Tremendous class that certainly rivals Florida State's. Great mixture of in-state and out-of-state talent.

2. VIRGINIA TECH
The stud of the class is obviously tailback Kevin Jones who is a superstar in the making. Athlete Cedric Humes is underrated.

3. BOSTON COLLEGE
Perhaps the most surprising class in the league. Eagles fans should be elated.

4. PITTSBURGH
Nice mixture of both offense and defense. Standout linebacker Joe Dipre originally committed to Kentucky only to sign with the Panthers.

5. SYRACUSE
Slightly below average haul for the Orangemen by their standards. Cornerback Larry McClain can lock on and play press coverage with the best of them.

6. WEST VIRGINIA
Tight end Josh Bailey should make them happy in Morgantown.

7. RUTGERS
Tailback Rikki Cook has the right stuff.

8. TEMPLE
Receiver Jamel Harris can stretch defenses.

C-USA

1. HOUSTON
Very good class for the Cougars as the state of Texas provides the much-needed talent.

2. SOUTHERN MISS
Derrick Ducksworth is a stud linebacker.

3. TCU
New coach Gary Patterson finds the talent.

4. TULANE
Signing Tristan Smith was a coup.

5. EAST CAROLINA
Is Paul Troth the next star quarterback in Greeneville?

6. UAB
Watson Brown can't wait to get his hands on a talent such as quarterback/athlete Darrell Hackney.

7. LOUISVILLE
John L. Smith likes a high-powered offense and kicker Caleb Leavitt will help him light up the scoreboard.

8. MEMPHIS
Bluff City talent staying at home for once.

9. CINCINNATI
Signing quarterback Gino Guidugli in late March was a huge boost for the Bearcats.

10. ARMY
Does not release its list.

MOUNTAIN WEST

1. COLORADO STATE
Clearly tops in the league and perhaps underrated regionally. Look for big things out of quarterback Justin Holland.

2. UTAH
Receiver Lynzell Jackson is a future All-American in Salt Lake City.

3. UNLV
Receiver Earvin Johnson will hook up nicely with quarterback Jason Thomas.

4. SAN DIEGO STATE
Aztecs hit the juco ranks for help at receiver, offensive line and defensive line.

5. WYOMING
Book ends Zach Morris and Drew Severn will help the defensive line.

6. BYU
Juco recruits lead the way for the Cougars.

7. AIR FORCE
Defensive back Tyler Hess comes from California highly rated.

8. NEW MEXICO
Big guys up front to help the cause for coach Rocky Long.

PAC-10

1. WASHINGTON
Terrific class for the Huskies lead by offensive talent like quarterback Casey Paus and receivers such as Reggie Williams and Charles Frederick.

2. UCLA
Very Good class despite losing some key targets. The new Bruin defensive backs come very highly acclaimed.

3. USC
Excellent and well-rounded first class for Pete Carroll.

4. OREGON
Can 24 excellent recruits get the Ducks back to the Rose Bowl?

5. OREGON STATE
Dennis Erickson signs nine players that fall into the defensive line category.

6. STANFORD
Georgia Peach J.R. Lemon is taking his immense running skills to the West Coast.

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7. CALIFORNIA
Cornerbacks Terrell Williams and Ryan Foltz can play press coverage with the best of them.

8. ARIZONA
QB Nic Costa arrives with a big-time arm.

9. ARIZONA STATE
Defensive back Lamar Baker leads the Sun Devils' class.

10. WASHINGTON STATE
Tight ends Troy Bienemann and Tim Burnette arrive with major credentials.

SEC

1. LSU
The Tigers signed, perhaps, their best class in history and met all of their needs. Quarterback Rick Clausen is the younger brother of Tennessee's Casey Clausen and could compete for immediate playing time.

2. TENNESSEE
Targeted tailbacks, linebacker and defensive backs and met needs well. Juco safety Julian Battle and one of the tailbacks (Jabari Davis or Cedric Houston) has a chance to start immediately.

3. GEORGIA
Finished strong in Mark Richt's first campaign in signing defensive end Robert Geathers and receiver Fred Gibson.

4. OLE MISS
Hit paydirt with offensive linemen Chris Stephens and Cornelius Stallings. Jeremy Ruffin could help defense quickly at linebacker.

5. AUBURN
Carnell Williams could be the biggest impact newcomer in SEC.

6. ARKANSAS
Signing cover corner "Batman" Carroll was, perhaps, the biggest upset in recruiting this last year.

7. FLORIDA
Not a highly rated class, but the Gators met their needs, which was adding quality depth overall.

8. SOUTH CAROLINA
Juco quarterback Corey Jenkins should push for the starting position.

9. MISSISSIPPI STATE
Jackie Sherrill and staff are the nation's best at evaluating jucos.

10. ALABAMA
Quarterback Brodie Croyle will star at the Capstone.

11. VANDERBILT
Receivers Jason Mathenia and Jerrin Holt are the athletes coach Woody Widenhofer has been looking for.

12. KENTUCKY
Guy Morriss trying to right the ship as most of the state's top players chose to go elsewhere.

SUNBELT

1. MTSU
Tight end Quan Domineck was one of the premier players at his position in America. Watch out for safeties Andre Green and LaRue Beck, who are big hitters.

2. IDAHO
The top newcomers are defensive stalwarts Nathan Nichols, a safety, and Mike Bonelli, a defensive end.

3. NORTH TEXAS
Highy regarded defensive lineman Chris Miller helps the cause.

4. ARKANSAS STATE
Tailback Antonio Warren could help the Indians quickly.

5. LOUISIANA-MONROE
Topping this class is linebacker Shelton Williams of Texas.

6. LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE
Five juco recruits supplement this class.

7. NEW MEXICO STATE
Juco recruits dominate this class.

WAC

1. SAN JOSE STATE
Look for defensive back Eric Wilson to please the defense with press coverage.

2. HAWAII
Congrats to coach June Jones on his recovery and an excellent class.

3. RICE
Quarterback Kevin Ford heads solid group.

4. TULSA
Defensive stalwarts Brandon Lohr and Chris Benson come with aggressiveness.

5. LOUISIANA TECH
Expect exciting things from Freddie King.

6. NEVADA
Defensive lineman Tim Sylvester leads way.

7. SMU
Watch for quarterback Richard Bartel and receiver Jay Taylor to hook up in the future.

8. FRESNO STATE
Decent class, with the leader being juco defensive back Demorieaux Reneau.

9. BOISE STATE
Six defensive backs dominate this class.

10. UTEP
Future will be determined by work ethic.

Top High School Seniors

QUARTERBACKS

James Banks	6'1"	180	Indianapolis, IN
Joe Benson	6'5"	200	Baltimore, MD
Mark Borda	6'3"	190	Allentown, PA
Steven Bright	6'4"	200	Greer, SC
Duwaun Burton	6'5"	225	Charlotte, NC
Gavin Dickey	5'11"	175	Tallahassee, FL
Trent Edwards	6'5"	190	Los Gatos, CA
Matt Gutierrez	6'5"	200	Concord, CA
Evan Kraky	6'3"	190	Jermyn, PA
Omar Jacobs	6'3"	200	Delray Beach, FL
Rhett Lashley	6'3"	190	Springdale, AR
Reggie McNeal	6'3"	170	Lufkin, TX
Ryan O'Hara	6'5"	195	Monrovia, CA
Chris Olsen	6'4"	220	Wayne Hills, NJ
Drew Olson	6'2"	190	Piedmont, CA
Tyler Palko	6'2"	200	Imperial, PA
Perry Patterson	6'4"	215	Lancaster, PA
Marcus Vick	6'2"	190	Warwick, VA
Vincent Young	6'5"	190	Houston, TX
Justin Zwick	6'4"	205	Massillon, OH

RUNNING BACKS

Jason Allen	6'1"	195	Muscle Shoals, AL
Lorenzo Booker	5'10"	180	Ventura, CA
Brian Calhoun	5'10"	180	Oak Creek, WI
Ryan Cole	6'0"	205	Port Orchard, WA
Frederick Collins	6'1"	195	La Quinta, CA
Scott Davis	6'0"	200	Kennewick, WA
Hersche Dennis II	5'10"	175	Longbeach, CA
Ciatrick Fason	5'11"	195	Jacksonville, FL
Kenny James	5'10"	185	Dos Palos, CA
T.A. McClendon	6'1"	210	Albemarle, NC
Rashawn Mosley	5'10"	170	San Antonio, TX
Jerious Norwood	6'0"	190	Brandon, MS
Ronnie Osborne	6'0"	190	Piedmont, OK
Dedric Poole	5'11"	195	Little Rock, AR
Gerald Riggs, Jr.	6'0"	215	Chattanooga, TN
Malcolm Ruff	6'1"	210	Baltimore, MD
Kane Smaller	6'0"	215	Canon City, CO
Tre Smith	5'11"	185	Venice, FL
Brent Thomas	6'0"	185	Atlanta, GA
James Tunstalle	6'0"	200	New Richmond, WV
Jawan Walker	5'11"	170	Erie, PA
Mario Whitney	6'0"	190	Jackson, MO
J.R. Zwierzynski	6'0"	215	Joliet, IL

WIDE RECEIVERS

Andre Chattams	6'0"	180	Dayton, OH
Daniel Coates	6'2"	200	Layton, UT
Antonio Cromartie	6'3"	200	Tallahassee, FL
Billy Gaines	5'8"	165	Ijamsville, MD
Tom Guardi	6'0"	175	Brookfield, IL
Jared Gulling	5'10"	170	North Canton, OH
Josh Hannum	6'0"	175	Strath Haven, PA
John Harris	5'10"	175	Americus, GA
Jeron Hayes	5'9"	180	Lebanon, PA
Santonio Holmes	6'0"	180	Belle Glade, FL
Broderick Jones	5'10"	165	Ennis, TX
Mark LeFlore	6'1"	185	Omaha, NE
Edorian McCullough	5'10"	175	North Garland, TX
Xaveir McGuire	6'5"	200	Dallas, TX
Rhema McKnight	6'2"	190	Kennedy, CA
Ryan Moore	6'4"	180	Orlando, FL
Mario Raley	6'1"	190	Charlotte, NC
L'Tydric Riley	6'4"	210	Crockett, TX
Agim Shabaj	5'10"	180	Farmington Hills, MI
Carl Tabb	6'3"	180	Ann Arbor, MI
Leon Washington	5'10"	170	Jacksonville, FL
Darren Williams	6'3"	190	Clarksdale, MS

TIGHT ENDS

George Cooper	6'5"	250	Westerville, OH
Lonnie Davis	6'5"	230	Jacksonville, FL
John Doucette	6'3"	240	New Orleans, LA
J.J. Hair	6'6"	230	Capistrano Valley, CA
Sean Harmon	6'4"	250	Edmond, OK
Marcedes Lewis	6'6"	235	Long Beach, CA
J.D. Reynolds	6'1"	225	Midwest City, OK
Stan White, Jr.	6'3"	230	Baltimore, MD
Eric Winston	6-6	270	Midland, TX

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Justin Blalock	6'4"	320	Plano, TX
Mark Burgess	6'5"	300	Tampa, FL
Ryan Carter	6'5"	320	South Lake, FL
Doug Datish	6'5"	290	Warrenn, OH
Mike Donaldson	6'6"	330	Mansfield, OH
Timmy Ducksworth	6'4"	325	Taylorsville, MS
Jeff Edwards	6'7"	240	Atlanta, GA
Mark Farris	6'5"	290	Pittsburgh, PA
John Henry	6'5"	310	Nashville, TN
Walter Hill	6'5"	325	Texarkana, AR
Winston Justice	6'6"	300	Long Beach, CA
Bob Kochendofer	6'5"	300	Metamora, IL
Derek Landri	6'3"	270	Concord, CA
Brad Lee	6'4"	265	Hephzibah, GA
Fred Matua	6'3"	300	Wilmington, CA
Derek Morris	6'5"	325	N. Mecklenburg, NC
Bobby Morton	6'4"	305	McKinney, TX
Cory Ray	6'3"	275	Damascus, MD
Nathan Rhodes	6'7"	320	Bakersfield, CA
Rob Sims	6'4"	290	Nordonia, OH
Rob Smith	6'5"	285	Fort Thomas, KY
Phillip Walls	6'3"	275	Tyler, TX

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Larry Dibbles	6'3"	260	Lancaster, TX
Ellis Dumervil	6'2"	275	Miami, FL
Kedric Goldston	6'5"	280	Tyrone, GA
Larry Harrison	6'3"	290	Detroit, MI
Willie Henderson	6'6"	290	Memphis, TN
Jonathan Lewis	6'2"	285	Richmond, VA
Anthony Littlejohn	6'3"	300	Gaffney, SC
Jonathon Mapu	6'3"	260	Kahuku, HI
Marco Martin	6'4"	300	Mesquite, TX
Brian Mattes	6'5"	250	Wyoming, PA
Raymond McCullough	6'2"	290	Daytona Beach, FL
Marco Morton	6'3"	290	Mesquite, TX
Haloti Ngata	6'4"	305	Salt Lake City, UT
Quinn Pitcock	6'4"	290	Piqua, OH
Bryan Pickryl	6'5"	230	Jenks, OK
Chase Pittman	6'5"	250	Shreveport, LA
Chase Pressley	6'4"	270	Fort Smith, AR
Kasey Stoddard	6'3"	255	Littleton, CO
Tim Volk	6'3"	245	Sherman Oaks, CA
Kyle Williams	6'3"	280	Rustin, LA
Manual Wright	6'6"	280	Long Beach, CA
Roderick Wright	6'5"	300	Alief, TX

LINEBACKERS

Bryan Andrews	6'6"	215	Lima, OH
Darnell Bing	6'2"	210	Long Beach, CA
Ahmad Brooks	6'2"	230	Woodbridge, VA
Mike D'Andrea	6'3"	235	Avon Lake, OH
Buster Davis	6'0"	230	Daytona Beach, FL
Kevin Flood	6'1"	205	Dallas, TX
Aaron Harris	6'0"	230	Mesquite, TX
Rona Hawkins	6'2"	210	Tallahassee, FL
Chris Herring	6'2"	245	Batesville, MS
Berkley Hutchinson	6'2"	225	Long Beach, NJ
Lucas Jackson	6'1"	200	West Monroe, LA
Kevin Kane	6'1"	215	Kansas City, MO
Mike Kudla	6'4"	235	Medina, OH
Justin London	6'1"	215	Roanoke, VA
Patrick Lowery	6'2"	220	Davie, NC
AJ Nicholson	6'2"	230	Winston Salem, NC
Kai Parham	6'3"	225	Virginia Beach, VA
Zaron Shanks	6'2"	230	Lincolnton, GA
Garnett Smith	6'3"	210	Arlington, TX
Jeremy Van Alstyne	6'3"	235	Center Grove, IN
Thaddeus Washington	6'0"	235	Marrero, LA

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Lawrence Bethea	6'1"	180	Harrisburg, PA
Larry Brackins	6'4"	200	Dothan, AL
William Cooper	6'1"	180	Flint, MI
AJ Davis	6'0"	170	Durham, NC
Scott Davis	6'1"	200	Kennewick, WA
Dominic Dixon	5'11"	175	Seattle, WA
Jeff Francoeur	6'3"	185	Lilburn, GA
Sammy Joseph	6'0"	180	New Orleans, LA
James Kanuch	6'2"	180	Johnstown, PA
Richard Marshall	6'1"	175	Los Angeles, CA
A.J. Martinez	6'0"	180	Huntington Beach, CA
Eric McNeal	6'2"	190	Serra, CA
Brandon Merriweather	5'11"	185	Apopka, FL
Aaron Miller	6'0"	175	Fresno, CA
Mike Nixon	6'1"	185	Tucson, AZ
L'Rydrick Riley	6'3"	210	Crockett, TX
Glenn Sharpe	5'11"	180	Miami, FL
Patrick Watkins	6'3"	190	Tallahassee, FL
Dana Webster	5'10"	180	Ocean Township, NJ
Darren Williams	6'3"	200	Clarksdale, MS

College Football Future Stars

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	School
Eric Shelton	RB	6'3"	230	Lexington, KY	Florida State
Joe Mauer	QB	6'4"	205	St. Paul, MN	Florida State
Roscoe Crosby	WR	6'2"	190	Buffalo, SC	Clemson
Jerome Carter	DB	6'0"	208	Lake City, FL	Florida State
Adrian McPherson	QB	6'3"	178	Bradenton, FL	Florida State
Craphonso Thorpe	WR	6'2"	185	Tallahassee, FL	Florida State
Dominic Robinson	DB	6'2"	192	Diamond Bar, CA	Florida State
Patrick Estes	TE	6'7"	240	Richmond, VA	Virginia
Airese Currie	WR	5'11"	175	Columbia, SC	Clemson
Gerard Ross	DB	6'2"	190	Jacksonville, FL	Florida State
Chauncey Davis	LB	6'1"	235	Auburndale, FL	Florida State
Willie Jones	LB	6'1"	200	Miami, FL	Florida State
Tramain Hall	DB	5'11"	170	Deerfield Beach, FL	NC State
James Buchanon	RB	6'2"	235	Sarasota, FL	Florida State
Dawan Landry	QB	6'2"	200	Ama, LA	Georgia Tech
Ben Hall	TE	6'5"	230	Wellford, SC	Clemson
Ron Lunford	OL	6'5"	324	Jacksonville, FL	Florida State
Sterling Hicks	WR	6'1"	165	Pompano Beach, FL	NC State
Jocques Dumas	DL	6'8"	225	Ashboro, NC	North Carolina
Reuben Houston	DB	6'0"	200	Peachtree City, GA	Georgia Tech

Kevin Jones	RB	6'1"	205	Chester, PA	Virginia Tech
Leon Williams	LB	6'4"	220	Brooklyn, NY	Miami
Cecil Howard	QB	6'3"	215	McKeesport, PA	Syracuse
Antrel Rolle	DB	6'1"	205	Homestead, FL	Miami
Orien Harris	DL	6'4"	280	Newark, DE	Miami
Brandon Brokaw	RB	6'2"	230	Morrisville, PA	Boston College
Bryan Randall	QB	6'2"	205	Williamsburg, VA	Virginia Tech
Kellen Winslow, Jr.	TE	6'5"	210	San Diego, CA	Miami
Erik Gill	TE	6'5"	245	Belle Vernon, PA	Pittsburgh
Frank Gore	RB	5'11"	190	Coral Gables, FL	Miami
DeAngelo Hall	DB	6'0"	190	Chesapeake, VA	Virginia Tech
Fred Lee	WR	5'10"	175	Harrisburg, PA	Virginia Tech
Joe Dipre	LB	6'4"	241	Erie, PA	Pittsburgh
Roger McIntosh	LB	6'3"	220	Gaffney, SC	Miami
Kevin Everett	TE	6'5"	235	Port Arthur, TX	Miami
Davon Clark	DL	6'4"	285	Patterson, NJ	Rutgers
Thomas Carroll	DL	6'5"	220	Lakewood, NJ	Miami
Rikki Cook	RB	6'1"	235	Montclair, NJ	Rutgers
Danny Embick	QB	6'1"	207	Jupiter, FL	West Virginia
Justin Hamilton	RB	6'3"	210	Clintwood, VA	Virginia Tech

Tommie Harris	DL	6'3"	275	Killeen, TX	Oklahoma
Damien Nash	RB	5'11"	195	East St. Louis, IL	Missouri
Quan Cosby	DB	5'11"	190	Mart, TX	Texas
Cedric Benson	RB	6'0"	200	Midland, TX	Texas
Seymore Shaw	RB	6'0"	210	Shawnee, OK	Oklahoma
Russell Lovett	QB	6'3"	220	Thornton, CO	Colorado
Titus Adams	DL	6'4"	285	Omaha, NE	Nebraska
Jerome Janet	WR	5'11"	190	Broken Arrow, OK	Kansas State
Jonathan Scott	DL	6'7"	285	Dallas, TX	Texas
Brent Rawls	QB	6'5"	190	Shreveport, LA	Oklahoma
Derrick Johnson	LB	6'4"	210	Waco, TX	Texas
Chris Chester	TE	6'4"	233	Tustin, CA	Oklahoma
Jared Helming	DL	6'4"	275	Springfield, MO	Nebraska
Jonathan Jackson	DL	6'4"	220	Houston, TX	Oklahoma
Cedric Griffin	DB	6'2"	185	San Antonio, TX	Texas
Cory Ross	DB	5'7"	190	Denver, CO	Nebraska
Jami Hightower	OL	6'5"	305	Jacksonville, TX	Texas A&M
LeKevin Smith	DL	6'3"	295	Macon, GA	Nebraska
Ayo Saba	RB	6'0"	260	Blackwood, NJ	Kansas State
Armon Dorrough	WR	6'1"	170	Lancaster, TX	Texas Tech

Kelly Baraka	RB	6'0"	180	Portage, MI	Michigan
Anttaj Hawthorne	DL	6'3"	310	Hamden, CT	Wisconsin
Marlin Jackson	DB	6'1"	180	Sharon, PA	Michigan
Pat Massey	DL	6'8"	235	Brecksville, OH	Michigan
Ernest Shazor	DB	6'4"	200	Detroit, MI	Michigan
Matt Roth	LB	6'4"	245	Villa Park, IL	Iowa
Blake Larsen	OL	6'7"	304	Atlantic, IA	Iowa
Tyler Reed	OL	6'6"	305	Pittsburgh, PA	Penn State
Lydell Ross	RB	6'0"	205	Tampa, FL	Ohio State
Brett Bell	DB	6'0"	190	Wheaton, IL	Wisconsin
Pierre Woods	DL	6'6"	225	Cleveland, OH	Michigan
Maurice Hall	RB	5'10"	180	Columbus, OH	Ohio State
David Underwood	RB	6'0"	220	Madisonville, TX	Michigan
Morris Virgil	RB	5'10"	185	Urbana, IL	Illinois
Brett Basanez	QB	6'1"	175	Arlington Heights, IL	Northwestern
Mike Robinson	QB	6'3"	210	Richmond, VA	Penn State
Charles Rush	DL	6'3"	280	Erie, PA	Penn State
Robert Strickland	WR	6'4"	205	Detroit, MI	Michigan State
Tom Derricks	DL	6'1"	295	Dallas, TX	Northwestern
Angelo Chattams	WR	5'11"	180	Dayton, OH	Ohio State

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	School
Derron Johnson	DB	6'3"	200	Memphis, TN	Memphis
Kevis Coley	LB	6'3"	200	Palatka, FL	Southern Miss
Karlin Riley	DB	6'2"	195	Opelousas, LA	Southern Miss
Montavious Stanley	DL	6'3"	250	Albany, GA	Louisville
Derrick Ducksworth	LB	6'2"	225	Mize, MS	Southern Miss
Paul Troth	QB	6'5"	215	Davidson, NC	East Carolina
Tye Gunn	QB	6'4"	200	LaGrange, TX	TCU
Cody Thibodeaux	RB	6'1"	200	Winnie, TX	Houston
Fred Perkins	WR	6'3"	215	Brookhaven, MS	Tulane
Gino Guidugli	QB	6'4"	205	Ft. Thomas, KY	Cincinnati
Carlos Jones	DB	5'10"	190	Houston, TX	Houston
Dierre Carter	DL	6'3"	245	Memphis, TN	Memphis
Jeremy Modkins	DB	6'1"	185	Marlin, TX	TCU
Guy Whimper	DL	6'6"	220	Havelock, NC	East Carolina
Caleb Leavitt	K	6'3"	190	Jacksonville, FL	Louisville
Blade Bassler	QB	6'4"	220	Rockdale, TX	Houston
Jay Ashton	DL	6'3"	252	Monroe, LA	Tulane
Tristan Smith	RB	6'0"	185	Slidell, LA	Tulane
Darrell Hackney	QB	6'2"	230	Atlanta, GA	UAB
Mark Walker	DB	5'10"	170	Duncanville, TX	TCU

Lynzell Jackson	WR	6'3"	180	Tempe, AZ	Utah
Justin Holland	QB	6'3"	190	Lakewood, CO	Colorado St.
Earvin Johnson	WR	6'3"	175	Los Angeles, CA	UNLV
Bernard Fano	DL	6'2"	260	Fountain Valley, CA	Utah
Dyante Perkins	LB	6'1"	220	Las Vegas, NV	UNLV
Tyler Hess	DB	6'0"	180	Wildomar, CA	Air Force
Jamar Farbes	WR	6'0"	175	Aurora, CO	Colorado St.
Owen Johnson	DL	6'3"	190	Pomona, CA	Colorado St.
Chris Kemoeatu	DL	6'4"	325	Honolulu, HI	Utah
Jeff Webb	WR	6'2"	190	Indio, CA	San Diego St.
Tyler Arciaga	QB	6'3"	230	Bonita, CA	UNLV
Tyler Sparks	WR	5'11"	175	Boulder, CO	Colorado St.
Marcus Demps	DB	6'0"	185	Palmdale, CA	San Diego St.
Matt Belshe	QB	6'2"	213	Show Low, AZ	Wyoming
Travis Bright	OL	6'5"	310	Gilbert, AZ	BYU
Matt Bartz	TE	6'3"	225	Concordia, KS	Colorado St.
Brandon Alconcal	TE	6'4"	220	Aliso Viejo, CA	Colorado St.
Danny Negrete	DL	6'2"	290	Corona, CA	San Diego St.
Terrance Carter	DL	6'3"	225	Topeka, KS	Colorado St.
Scott Eberle	K	6'1"	190	Winona, MN	Air Force

Shaun Cody	DL	6'5"	255	Hacienda Heights, CA	USC
Reggie Williams	WR	6'4"	215	Tacoma, WA	Washington
Michael Craven	LB	6'1"	220	La Quinta, CA	Stanford
J.R. Lemon	RB	6'1"	213	Fayetteville, GA	Stanford
Lorenzo Alexander	DL	6'3"	280	Oakland, CA	California
Matt Ware	DB	6'3"	195	Malibu, CA	UCLA
Derek Anderson	QB	6'6"	230	Scappoose, OR	Oregon State
Matt Leinart	QB	6'6"	220	Santa Ana, CA	USC
Mark Anderson	DL	6'7"	260	Lewistown, MT	Stanford
Kellen Clemens	QB	6'2"	193	Burns, OR	Oregon
Steven Jackson	RB	6'1"	210	Las Vegas, NV	Oregon State
Mike Bell	RB	6'1"	205	Phoenix, AZ	Arizona
Charles Frederick	WR	6'0"	190	Boca Raton, FL	Washington
Casey Paus	QB	6'4"	210	New Lenox, IL	Washington
Marvin Simmons	LB	6'1"	220	Compton, CA	USC
Junior Taylor	WR	6'2"	185	Gilbert, AZ	UCLA
Keith Carter	TE	6'4"	250	Downingtown, PA	UCLA
Lamar Baker	DB	5'11"	190	Avondale, AZ	Arizona State
Jibril Raymo	DB	6'3"	195	Los Angeles, CA	UCLA
Nic Costa	QB	5'11"	190	Aloha, OR	Arizona

Brodie Croyle	QB	6'2"	185	Rainbow City, AL	Alabama
Jabari Davis	RB	6'0"	230	Stone Mountain, GA	Tennessee
Marquis Hill	DL	6'7"	290	New Orleans, LA	LSU
Carnell Williams	RB	5'11"	185	Eotawah, AL	Auburn
Ben Wilkerson	OL	6'4"	275	Hemphill, TX	LSU
Marcus Spears	TE	6'5"	280	Baton Rouge, LA	LSU
Ahmad Carroll	DB	5'11"	190	Atlanta, GA	Arkansas
Cedric Houston	RB	6'0"	205	Clarendon , AR	Tennessee
Chris Spencer	OL	6'4"	305	Madison, MS	Ole Miss
D.J. Shockley	QB	6'1"	175	College Park, GA	Georgia
George Gause	DL	6'5"	235	Conway, SC	South Carolina
Michael Clayton	WR	6'4"	185	Baton Rouge, LA	LSU
Kevin Simon	LB	5'11"	225	Concord, CA	Tennessee
Robert Boulware	DB	5'10"	180	Charlotte, NC	Tennessee
De'Arrius Howard	RB	6'0"	205	West Memphis, AR	Arkansas
Lamarcus Rowell	LB	6'3"	230	Opelika, AL	Auburn
Fred Gibson	WR	6'4"	180	Waycross, GA	Georgia
C.J. Fayton	QB	6'2"	190	Virginia Beach, VA	Tennessee
Joseph Addai	RB	6'0"	195	Houston, TX	LSU
Montrell Jones	WR	6'2"	185	Louisville, KY	Tennessee

Eric Wilson	DB	5'10"	190	Alta Loma, CA	San Jose St.
Kevin Ford	QB	6'0"	190	Madisonville, TX	Rice
Keone Kauo	DB	5'11"	180	Auburn, CA	Nevada
Ikaika Curnan	LB	5'11"	230	Honolulu, HI	Hawaii
Jeremy Hamilton	LB	5'11"	205	Ruston, LA	La. Tech
Freddie King	WR	5'7"	170	Winnfield, LA	La. Tech
Lamar Broadway	DB	5'11"	175	Corona, CA	Hawaii
Mark Holata	DL	6'3"	255	Morris, OK	Tulsa
Nate Ilaoa	WR	5'10"	180	Stafford, VA	Hawaii
Tyler Gooch	QB	5'11"	175	Tulsa, OK	Tulsa
Chris Benson	DB	6'1"	180	Nashville AR	Tulsa
Jay Taylor	WR	6'3"	180	Lufkin, TX	SMU
Tim Sylvester	DL	6'2"	265	Pasadena, CA	Nevada
Mark Manning	OL	6'1"	280	Cleveland, OH	San Jose St.
Richard Bartel	QB	6'4"	190	Grapevine, TX	SMU
Brandon Lohr	DL	6'1"	245	Jenks, OK	Tulsa
Matt Holt	OL	6'5"	250	Santa Maria, CA	Fresno St.
Tommy Miller	OL	6'3"	300	Odessa, TX	SMU
Cameron Hollingsworth	CB	6'0"	175	Cascade, WA	Hawaii
Jeff Thibodeaux	DB	5'9"	175	Nederland, TX	Tulsa

Athlon Sports' Ultimate Road Trip 2001

So maybe last year's Ultimate Road Trip was just a dream. Maybe this year it's just a dream. But someday. . . Anyway, here's our schedule for the 2001 season. With the addition of Friday nights and even a Tuesday game, we are able to see more teams this year. One goal is to see all 117 teams over five years. Now that will be tough.

Aug. 23 New Mexico State at Louisville
Nothing marks the beginning of college football season quite like the Aggies and Cardinals at Papa John's Stadium.

Aug. 25 North Carolina at Oklahoma
We just want to see if the defending national champs can block Julius Peppers.

Aug. 26 Syracuse vs. Georgia Tech at the Meadowlands
It's a tough drive from Norman, but George Godsey and Kelly Campbell should be worth it.

Aug. 30 Arizona at San Diego State
Let's see. Buffalo, Philadelphia, Denton, Dekalb. Yep, we'll take San Diego.

Aug. 31 Minnesota at Toledo
The 2001 MAC champs and Chester Taylor can teach a Big 10 team a few lessons.

Sept. 1 Miami at Penn State
Adam Taliaferro leads the Nittany Lions onto the field at refurbished Beaver Stadium. We get chills thinking about it.

Sept. 2 Purdue at Cincinnati
It could be worse. We could be watching the Browns and Bengals on a Sunday in Cincy.

Sept. 6 Texas A&M at Wyoming
It's Thursday night. It's September. We'll be wherever college football is being played.

Sept. 7 Northwestern at UNLV
A wild, wacky, high-scoring affair.

Sept. 8 Notre Dame at Nebraska
From Laramie to Las Vegas to Lincoln. What a triple-header, capped off by the Irish and the Big Red. We expect Nebraska to roll.

Sept. 13 Penn State at Virginia
My brother's birthday. I'll be celebrating in Charlottesville. A big one for UVa's Al Groh.

Sept. 14 Colorado State at UNLV
We're all for high school football, but we think we'll like these Friday nights in Vegas.

Sept. 15 Tennessee at Florida
Also the day of the Miami-Washington rematch, but there's probably more at stake in Gainesville.

Sept. 20 South Carolina at Mississippi St.
Lou Holtz and Jackie Sherrill. We'll see if the Bulldogs are for real. Our guess is they are.

Sept. 22 Ohio State at UCLA
It's a long haul from Starkville, but we get to see the Buckeyes in the Rose Bowl. Well, the stadium anyway. This game will set the tone for both teams' seasons.

Sept. 27 Miami at Pittsburgh
We'll keep our eyes on Antonio Bryant and Edward Reed. What a matchup of potential All-Americans.

Sept. 29 Rice at Hawaii
OK, we couldn't resist. We may even go to the game while we're there. We'll fly back to Louisville on the 3rd.

Oct. 4 Colorado State at Louisville
Gives us a chance to spend more time with buddy Mark Brockman.

Oct. 5 Utah State at BYU
This was the only Friday on the schedule last season. How times have changed.

Oct. 6 Northwestern at Ohio State
Northwestern hasn't played at the Horseshoe since 1997. The Wildcats haven't won there since way back in 1971. Zac Kustok and Damien Anderson will be fun to watch.

Oct. 11 Clemson at NC State
The coaches know each other well from their time at Florida State.

Oct. 13 Miami at Florida State
In '00, we thought we were giving up a chance to see the national champs for a visit to the Texas State Fair. Instead, we saw OU annihilate the 'Horns. This year, we'll take the grudge match in Tallahassee.

Oct. 16 So. Miss at Louisville
Could this be for the C-USA title?

Oct. 20 USC at Notre Dame
The Trojans and Irish may not be what it once was, but we won't miss it.

Oct. 25 West Virginia at Miami
Rich Rodriguez and Larry Coker: Two coaches with big shoes to fill in the East.

Oct. 27 Vanderbilt at Duke
We like this one for two reasons: 1) We like watching 1300-SAT guys play football and B) Any time we have a shot at watching Vanderbilt win, we take it.

Oct. 30 East Carolina at TCU
Tuesday night? Makes you wonder if someday we'll be able to see a game every night.

Nov. 1 Colorado State at BYU
We may be watching the Mountain West title game in picturesque Cougar Stadium.

Nov. 3 Tennessee at Notre Dame
This one could be huge. Or it could be just really, really big. Let's see if Notre Dame can block big John Henderson.

Nov. 8 Air Force at Colorado State
Sonny Lubick has built a solid program in Fort Collins. Lubick and Fisher DeBerry are two of our favorite coaches.

Nov. 10 Kansas State at Nebraska
The victor will win the Big 12 Championship Game and likely be undefeated.

Nov. 15 Louisville at East Carolina
Louisville's last hurdle for a C-USA title.

Nov. 17 Florida State at Florida
One of these teams will catapult toward the national championship after this one.

Nov. 22 Northwestern at Illinois
The editors fought over Kustok vs. Kittner for All-Big Ten quarterback. We want to watch them settle it on the field.

Nov. 23 Nebraska at Colorado
Wish we had time for little skiing.

Nov. 24 Ohio State at Michigan
Can Jim Tressel win in his debut at the Big House? This rivalry is as intense as any other.

Nov. 30 TCU at Southern Miss
A nice little warmup in Hattiesburg for the real tilt in Blacksburg.

Dec. 1 Miami at Virginia Tech
On Championship Saturday, in Blacksburg, in December, we give the edge to Tech. We said last year that we would include Army-Navy, but we can do that any year. We'll also sneak a peek at the Oregon-Oregon State Civil War on TV.

Bowls

Since Athlon is in the preview business, we're scheduling the bowl trips before we know the participants. Besides, if we really know our stuff, we would already know who's playing in all the bowls. Wouldn't we?

Dec. 18 NEW ORLEANS BOWL
This new bowl features the Sun Belt champ vs. a Mountain West team. Idaho vs. UNLV.

Dec. 19 GMAC BOWL
Fortunately, Mobile is just a short drive from the Big Easy. MAC vs. C-USA.

Dec. 20 LAS VEGAS BOWL
Another chance to see Vegas.

Dec. 27 INDEPENDENCE BOWL
We missed this Snow Bowl last year.

Dec. 28 HOLIDAY BOWL
Our first decision of the bowl season. We take San Diego over Houston and Nashville.

Dec. 29 INSIGHT.COM BOWL
We choose Phoenix over San Antonio and Pontiac; we don't care much for domes.

Dec. 30 SAN FRANCISCO JEEP BOWL
Frisco isn't bad, but we do miss Hawaii.

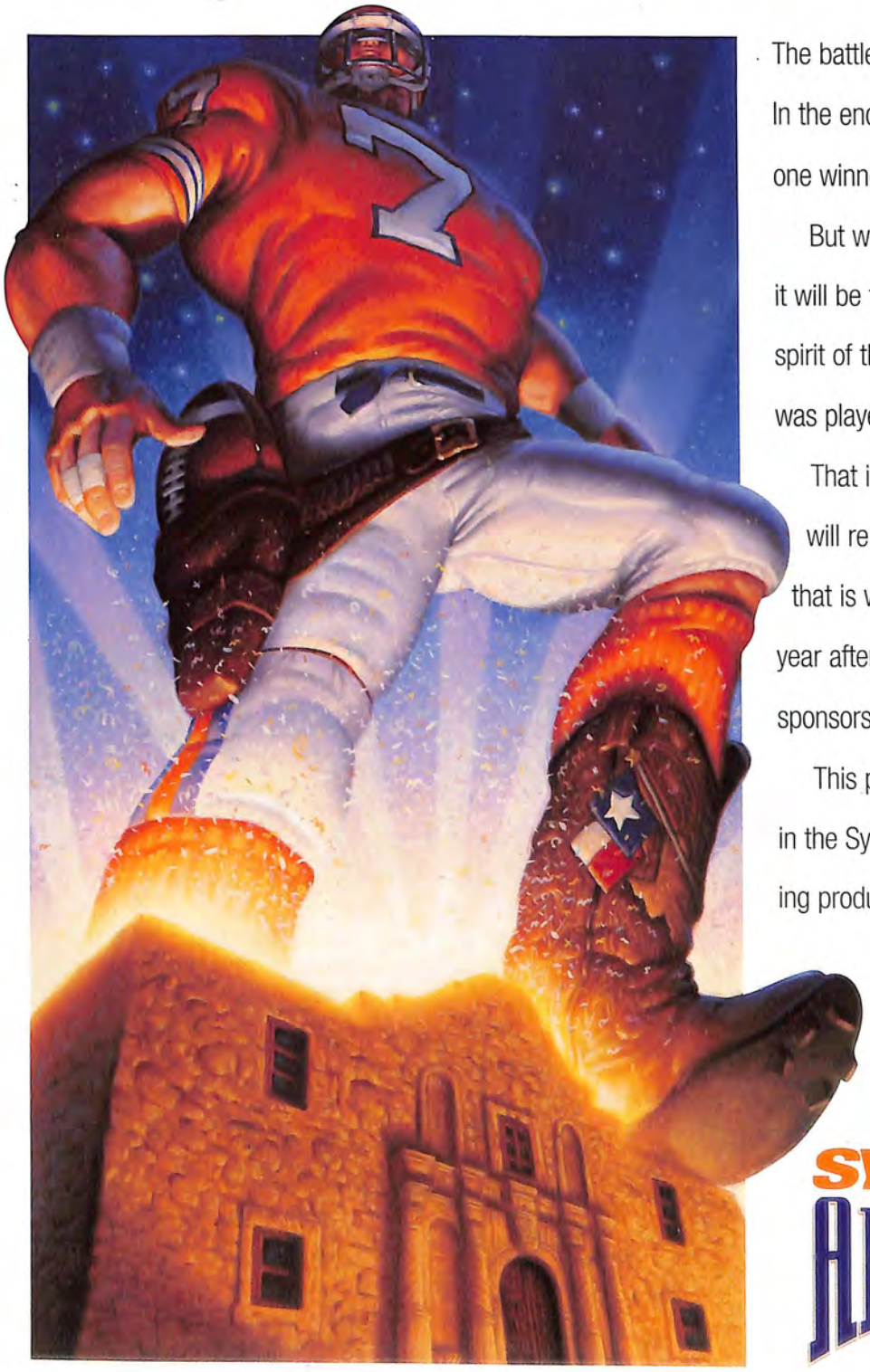
Dec. 31 PEACH BOWL
Call us crazy, but New Year's Eve sounds more fun in Atlanta than El Paso or Memphis.

Jan. 1 FLORIDA CITRUS BOWL
We like the Big 10-SEC matchup.

Jan. 2 ORANGE BOWL
Virginia Tech vs. Florida State in Miami.

Jan. 3 ROSE BOWL
Florida over Nebraska in the granddaddy of them all closes out a granddaddy of a road trip.

REMEMBER THE SYLVANIA ALAMO BOWL



The battle will last just under four hours. In the end, the scoreboard will record one winner.

But when the dome lights have faded, it will be the energy of the arena, the spirit of the crowd, the way the game was played that is treasured.

That is how we at Sylvania Lighting will remember the Alamo Bowl and that is why we will be lighting the field, year after year, with our products and our sponsorship.

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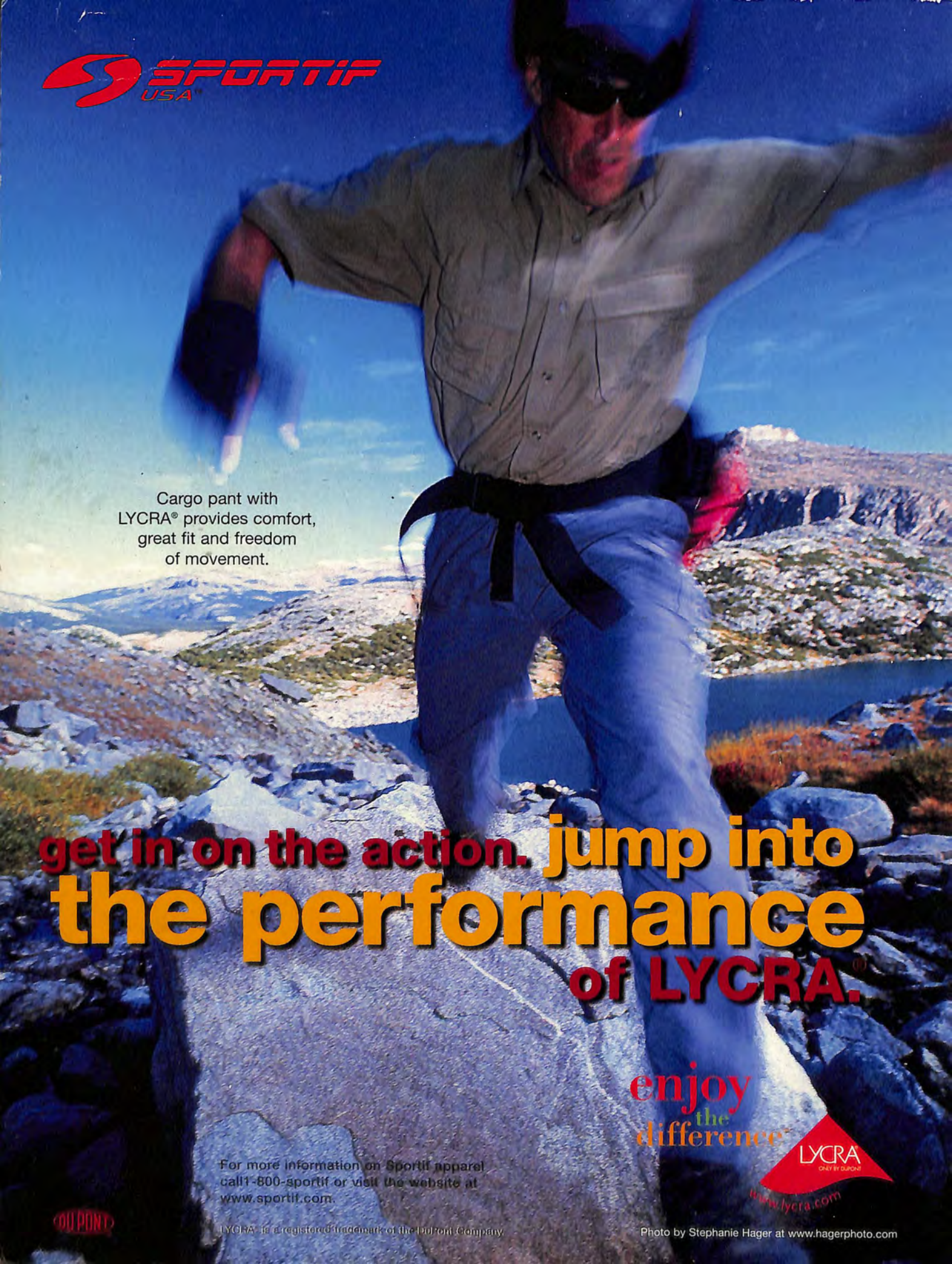
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